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Mitsuo has been going out with his beautiful and kind lover Kenichi for 3 years and now they've began living together It's like a dream except they and yet to sleep together
Mitsuo wants to take their relationship one step further but Kenichi's guard is unexpectedly strong Could it be he'll never be able to attain it !?
The more you love someone the more cowardly you become The slow love of a company employee's younger university seme
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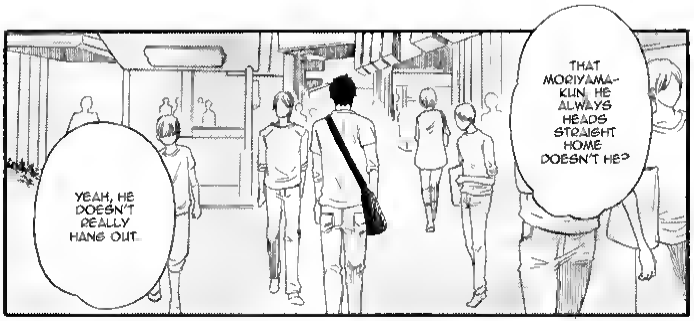
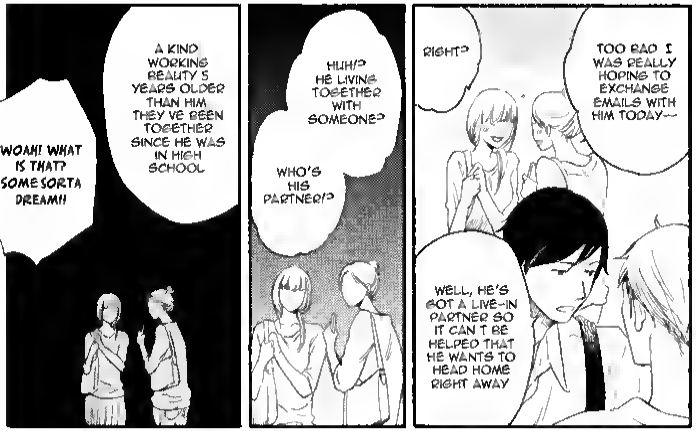
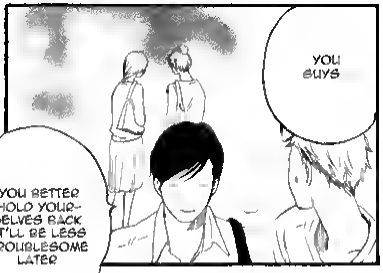
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US FOR KARAOKE?
SORRY, BUT I'M HEADING HOME!

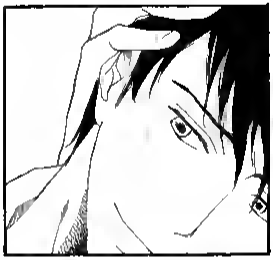

THAT MORIYAMA-KUN, HE ALWAYS HEADS STRAIGHT HOME DOESN'T HE?
YEAH, HE DOESN'T REALLY HANG OUT.

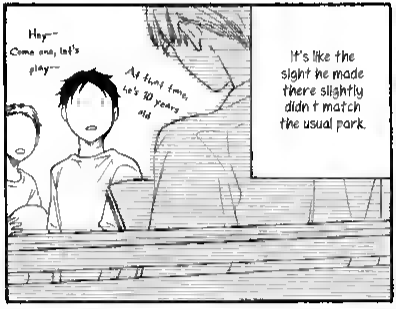

A KIND WORKING BEAUTY 5 YEARS OLDER THAN HIM THEY'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL
WOAH! WHAT IS THAT? SOME SORTA DREAM!!
HUH!? HE LIVING TOGETHER WITH SOMEONE?
WHO'S HIS PARTNER!?
TOO BAD I WAS REALLY HOPING TO EXCHANGE EMAILS WITH HIM TODAY—
RIGHT?
WELL, HE'S GOT A LIVE-IN PARTNER SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED THAT HE WANTS TO HEAD HOME RIGHT AWAY

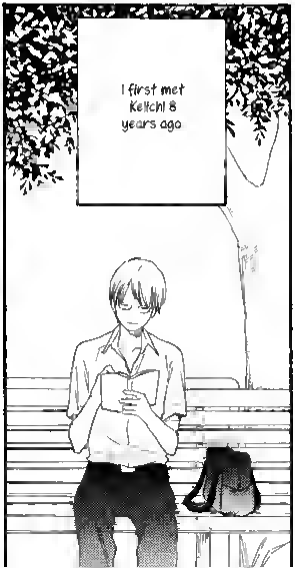

YOU GUYS
YOU BETTER HOLD YOURSELVES BACK IT'LL BE LESS TROUBLESOME LATER

WEL-COME HOME
YOU'RE HOME EARLY
Keiichi. I m home!
HEHE I SLIPPED AWAY AFTER THE MEAL
I THOUGH YOU SAID YOU HAD A GATHERING WITH YOUR BATCHMATES I THOUGHT YOU'D BE BACK LATER
EEEZ, YOU
IT'D BE SUCH A WASTE NOT BEING ABLE TO SPEND TIME TOGETHER WITH SUCH A BEAUTIFUL KEIICHI

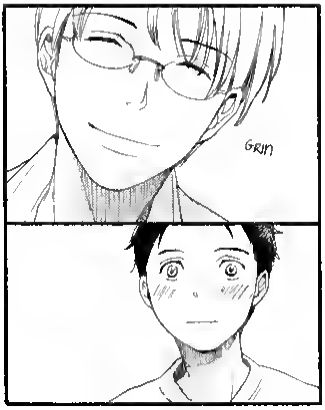
RUFFLE

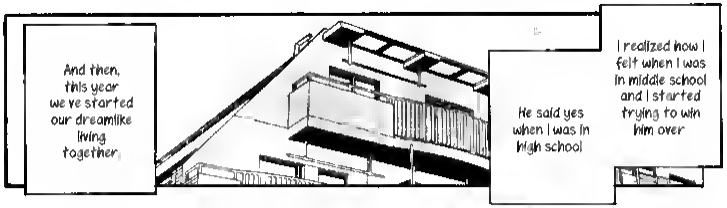



Hey—
Come and, let's play—
At first time, he's 10 years old
It's like the sight he made there slightly didn't match the usual park.

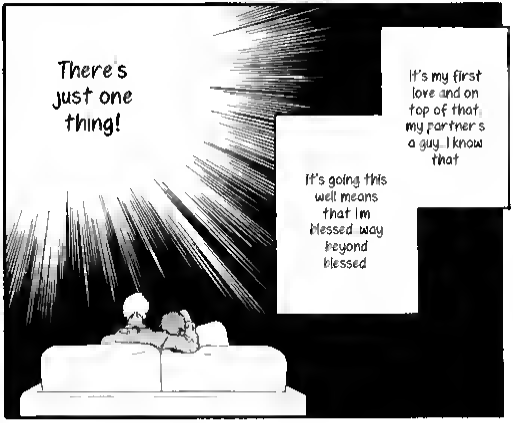

I first met Kelichi 8 years ago

That's 'cos it's for astigmatism
It looks kinda fuzzy
When I think back, I realize it was love at first sight


GRIN


And then, this year we've started our dreamlike living together
He said yes when I was in high school
I realized how I felt when I was in middle school and I started trying to win him over

GLANCE


There's just one thing!
It's my first love and on top of that, my partner's a guy. I know that
It's going this well means that I'm blessed way beyond blessed

—KEI-
ICHI
HN? WHAT
MITSU
NH
KEIICHI
...!
flomp

PINCH
GYAAA!
IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR T-H-I-S
YES
That's right.
We've been dating for 3 years,
and have started living together this year
But until this very day we still haven't had sex!!
DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU?

Wah
I'VE GOT SUCH A CUTE AND BEAUTIFUL KEIICHI WITH ME BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING!
IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!!
IT'S TORTURE.
HN?
I JUST WANT TO ASCERTAIN OUR LOVE...
MITSUO,
DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU HAPPY WHEN I DO THIS?
I-IT DOES
!
SMACK

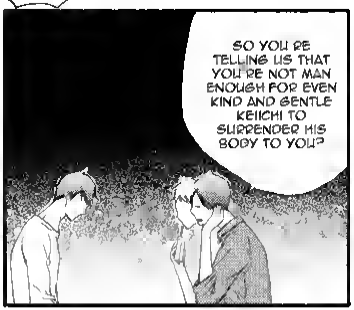
THERE'S NO NEED TO CHANGE HOW WE ACT NOW EVERYDAY. I CAN FEEL JUST HOW MUCH MITSUO LOVES ME AND I PLAN ON EXPRESSING MY LOVE TO YOU TOO
KEIICHI
JUST TOUCHING YOU LIKE THIS IS ALREADY ENOUGH HAPPINESS FOR ME
THE SAME GOES FOR ME.
THANK YOU. I'M GLAD.
I'LL ALWAYS EXPRESS MY LOVE FOR YOU, KEIICHI!!
ME TOO!!
AND TOMORROW, YOU'RE GOING TO TELL HIM THAT YOU WANT TO DO IT. WON'T YOU?
YOU'RE GONNA REPEAT THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AND HE'S GOING TO PLACATE YOU EVERY TIME
BUT KEIICHI SAID— he loves me.
Love bento from his boyfriend
YOU WERE COMPLETELY PLAYED

DON'T GIVE HIM ANY WEIRD IDEAS, YOU-!
ATTACK HIM WHILE HE'S SLEEPING OR SNEAK UP ON HIM WHILE HE'S IN THE BATH
MAYBE YOU SHOULD JUST FORCE THE ISSUE, PUSH HIM DOWN
HOW ANNOYING AREN'T YOU THE GUY IN THIS RELATIONSHIP?
And you're all hyped up too

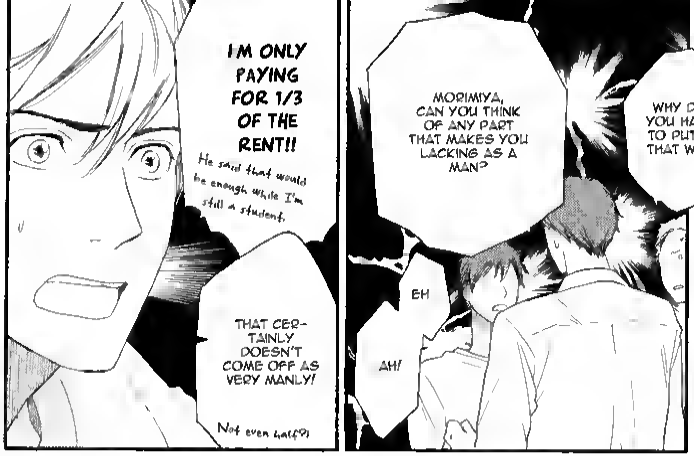
ARE YOU SOME MIDDLE SCHOOLER!?
YOU'VE BEEN GOING OUT FOR 3 YEARS HAVEN'T YOU!?
I just wanted to confirm it.
AH, I WASN'T PLANNING ON ATTACKING HIM OR ANYTHING
I JUST THOUGHT IT'D BE NICE TO SEE KEIICHI NAKED OR SEE HIS SLEEPING FACE

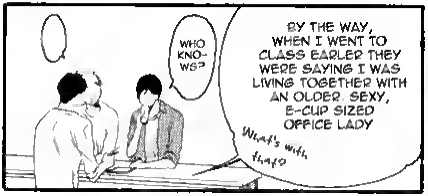
THAT WON'T DO
RIGHT, MORIMIYA? NO MATTER HOW MUCH

BESIDES, HE LOCKS THE DOOR WHEN HE SLEEPS OR TAKES A BATH


SO YOU'RE TELLING US THAT YOU'RE NOT MAN ENOUGH FOR EVEN KIND AND GENTLE KEIICHI TO SURRENDER HIS BODY TO YOU?

Though, I saw it when I was a kid.
Sigh
BUT I REALLY CAN'T IMAGINE KEIICHI-SAN BEING THAT STUBBORN
YEAH, HE'S USUALLY SO NICE


I'M ONLY PAYING FOR 1/3 OF THE RENT!!
He said that would be enough while I'm still a student.
THAT CERTAINLY DOESN'T COME OFF AS VERY MANLY!
Not even half(?)
MORIMIYA, CAN YOU THINK OF ANY PART THAT MAKES YOU LACKING AS A MAN?
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO PUT IT THAT WAY
EH
AH!


WHO KNOWS?
BY THE WAY, WHEN I WENT TO CLASS EARLIER THEY WERE SAYING I WAS LIVING TOGETHER WITH AN OLDER, SEXY, E-CUP SIZED OFFICE LADY
What's with that?

ALRIGHT! THEN, FOR NOW, YOU HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO EARN ENOUGH TO PAY FOR HALF THE RENT!
YOU ARE NOT TO CONSULT WITH US UNTIL YOU HAVE ACHEIVED THIS GOAL!
YEAH!
This guy probably just got tired to listening to him...

HUH?

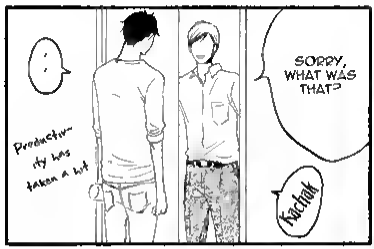
WHAT IS IT? ARE YOU MAKING DINNER TODAY MITSUO?
I CAN ONLY MAKE SIMPLE MEALS, THOUGH

WELCOME BACK, KEIICHI!

It's not rent but it's also important to show my resourcefulness isn't it?
My part-time job will increase from now on too

AH

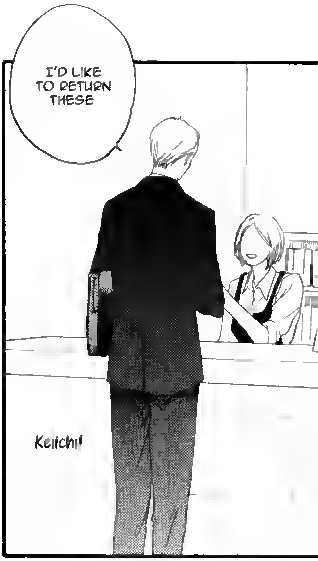
Clack
× Locked
DION'T WE BUY A NEW BOTTLE OF SEASONING
KEIICHI---

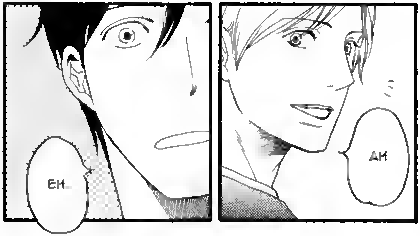

Productivity has taken a hit
SORRY, WHAT WAS THAT?
Kachak

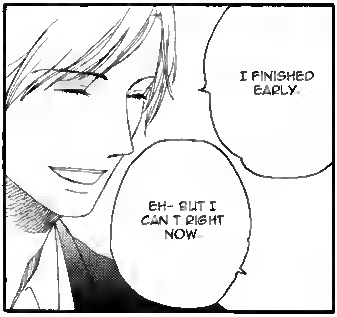
AMAZING— ARE YOU READING ALL THESE?
EH?
AH, YEAH
UM, THE SEASON-ING—
OH!
WITH THIS MANY BOOKS WOULDN'T IT BE HARD TO RETURN THESE?
I'M GOING THAT WAY ANYWAY. WANT ME TO RETURN THEM FOR YOU?
AH—
NO NEED
IT'S ALRIGHT I'M LOOKING FOR SOME BOOKS I WANT TO BORROW ANYWAY
No good for this where?
THOUGH IT'S MIXED IN WITH STUFF I'VE READ ALREADY
I've got to return them
KEIICHI, YOU REALLY LOVE BOOKS, HUH?
There's all sorts of genres
IT'S GREAT THERE'S A LIBRARY NEAR HERE

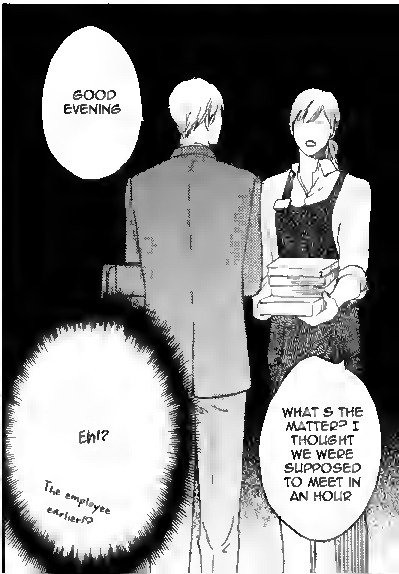
I'M SORRY WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR PART-TIMERS AT THIS TIME
I though it'd be killing two birds with one stone if I get a job at the library Keiichi frequents...
I guess it wasn't possible that it would go that well
I SEE SORRY FOR THE ROTHER
IT'S NO TROU-BLE
AH-
THUNK

What a coinci-dence!
He said he was going to be late
Did he finish early?
HUH?


I'D LIKE TO RETURN THESE
Keitchi!


AH
EH...


I FINISHED EARLY.
EH- BUT I CAN'T RIGHT NOW.


GOOD EVENING
Eh!?
The employee earlier?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? I THOUGHT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET IN AN HOUR

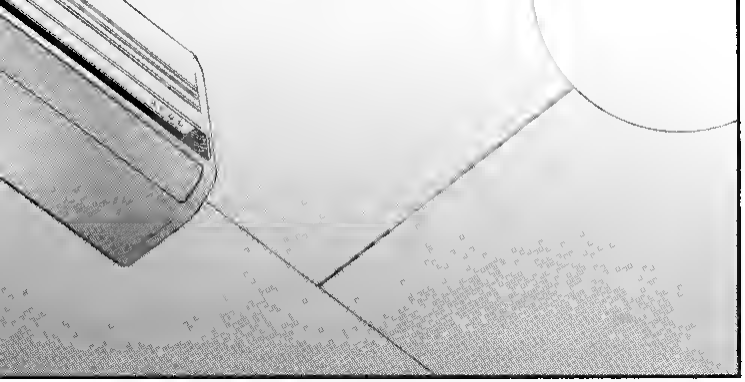
DON'T MIND ME I'LL JUST GO AHEAD TO THE STORE.
AH, ALRIGHT

CHILDREN'S CORNER
SURE
SEE YOU LATER
YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND EAT FIRST
WOAH !?
MITSUO!?

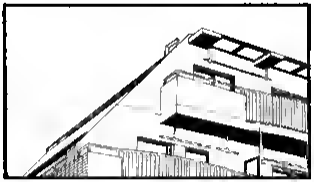
SURPRISE
ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU DIDN'T EVEN TURN ON THE LIGHTS!
IT'S STILL TOO SOON FOR THAT
I TOLD YOU,
I
MI-TSUO ...?
KEIICHI,
LET ME HOLD YOU
THEN, WHEN WOULD IT BE NOT TOO SOON?

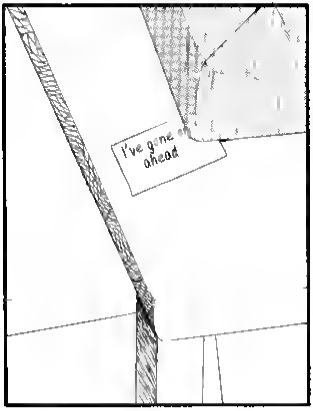
IN A YEAR? IN 10 YEARS?
!
MITSUO, WAIT!
IF YOU LOVE ME THEN WHY WON'T YOU LET ME DO IT?
I BEG YOU
IF YOU REALLY DO
LIKE ME
THUD

ボッ
WAI-
UG-
LUMP
ボスッ
WHA...!
SFX: Whump
BAM



I was hoping he'd forgive me in the morning...

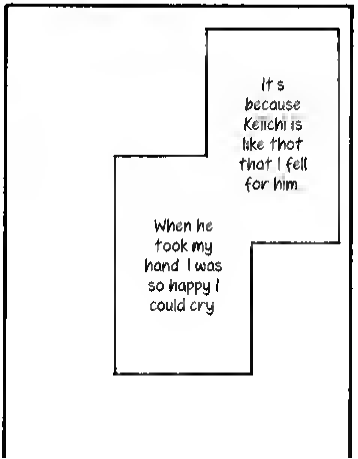



I've gone ahead

*Please keep to the return deadline

I just want to have 'self-confidence'
I know he's not cheating on me
Self-confidence enough to
not be shaken just by seeing Kenichi in the sort of situation

Kelichi is kind



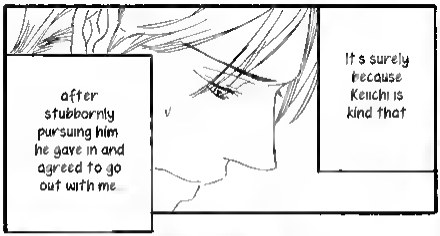
if the very reason he took my hand

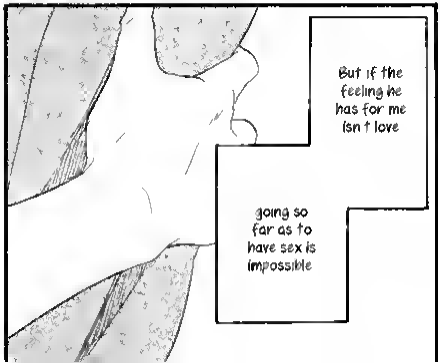
was because of his kindness... then

I DON'T WANT TO
!
I WON'T DO ANY-- THING LIKE WHAT I DID YESTERDAY EVER AGAIN SO...
Kachak
PLEASE, KEIICHI.
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT...
Q-KEN?

KEIICHI...
FLINCH


after stubbornly pursuing him he gave in and agreed to go out with me
It's surely because Keichi is kind that


But if the feeling he has for me isn't love
going so far as to have sex is impossible

—I have no right to hurt him

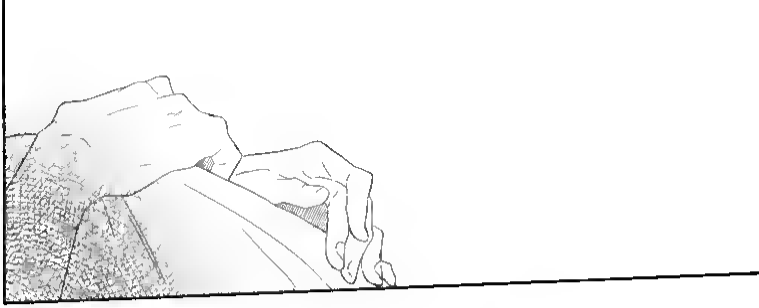
I can't keep making Keiichi go out with me due to my own selfishness
If that's the case
—KEIICHI...
the only thing I can do is—
LET'S BREAK UP?

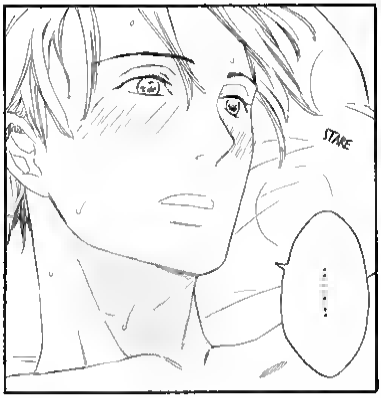
EH!? KE-KEIICHI!?
Why!?
EH
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO
HUH?
Didn't want what!?
YESTERDAY, YOU SAW ME NAKED RIGHT?
UH, UM,
Y-YEAH
Kinda.
AND THEN

JUST AS I THOUGHT.
YOU'VE REALIZED YOU CAN'T DO IT WITH A GUY, HAVEN'T YOU?
HUH?
MY FACE IS PROBABLY YOUR TYPE BUT
MY BODY IS COMPLETELY THAT OF A GUY'S
KEIICHI, AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO CAN'T WITH GUYS!?
THAT'S WHY I USUALLY TAKE SUCH GREAT CARE NOT TO SHOW IT TO YOU!
WAI-
WAIT A MINUTE, KEIICHI!
HUH?
WHY ME!
YOU TOO! WHY ME WHEN I LOVE KEIICHI THE MOST!

Bam
UGH!!
THEN, CAN YOU GET IT UP SEEING MY NAKED BODY!?
COLLAPSE
LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN.
I TOLD YOU.
Didn't I?
URK!
SQUEEZE
.....

THEN, CAN YOU HOLD ME?
Expectant eyes
THAT'S
ALREADY PRETTY OBVIOUS AT THIS POINT




STARE
...

—DOES IT HURT?
NO, IT'S FINE—
THEN, I'LL ADD ANOTHER FINGER, OKAY?

HN...? NO NEED TO WORRY YOU'RE DOING GREAT, YOU KNOW?
UM, KEIICHI IF YOU KEEP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT—
NO, THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM—
Kind of is and kind of isn't...

GROWS RAPIDLY
AH, IT GREW AGAIN
I'M HAPPY THAT IT'S NOT GOING SOFT
PLEASE STOP THAT I'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK A LOT
WHY ARE YOU STILL HOLDING BACK?
HEH!?
YOU'VE BEEN WAITING SO HURRY AND PUT IT IN
Se-

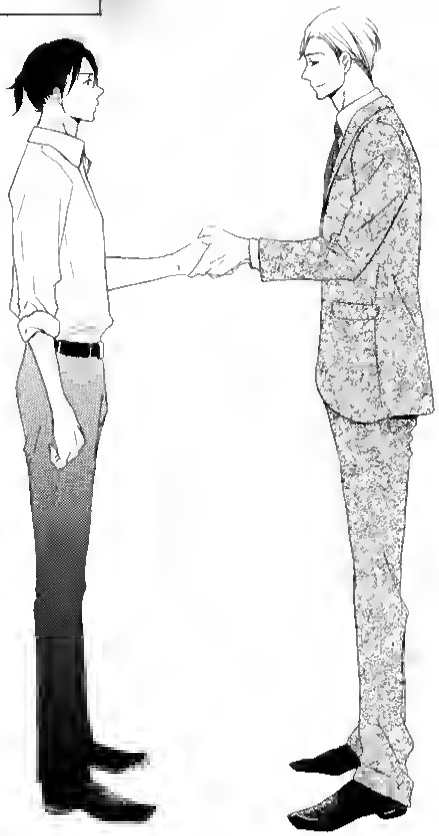
Sexy...
MITSUO
NH---
YOU HAVE TO WAKE UP OR YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE
YEAH
Dazed
...So happy...

AH!
fwoosh
Oh man
It's a book
from the
library.
THUMP
THUMP
To think I wasted 3 years to that weird misunderstanding!!
If I knew it was going to turn out like this, I would have pushed him down 3 years earlier!
SEX CHANGE MANUAL - MALE TO FEMALE -
SHINSO PUBLISHING
KEIICHI, THIS IS
It couldn't be...
AH, YEAH LOOK... YOU OFTEN COMPLIMENT ME LIKE A GIRL, RIGHT?
Like how I'm cute or beautiful
AH THAT
DON'T JUST LOOK AT IT WITHOUT PERMISSION

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MITSUO?
I LOVE YOU, DON'T I?
SO IT'S ONLY NORMAL TO BE TROUBLED
KEI-ICHI...
THAT'S WHY I WAS THINKING TURNING INTO A WOMAN WAS ONE WAY TO GET AROUND THE PROBLEM.
I'M SORRY, KEIICHI!!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THAT TROUBLED. I WAS THE ONE WHO CONFESSED TO YOU, AFTER ALL!!
Being able to have you like this is already great!!
I'M SORRY
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CONFESSED, YOU CAN'T THINK THAT YOUR FEELINGS ARE GREATER
She gave a lot of recommendations
I borrowed a lot of this type of books. The transsexual at the library spoke to me about them.
Eh? Trans !!

End

When I think back on it, right from the start, I already had a premonition



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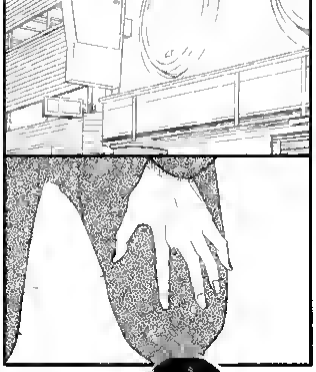
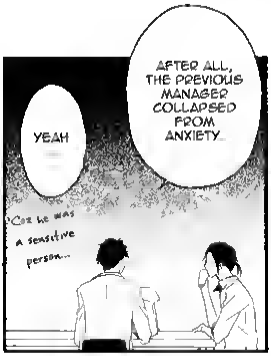
前篇

MANAGER!
Dash
I'LL DO IT AT HOME AND BRING IT TOMORROW!
AH, HEY!!
SORRY...
BUT IF I DON'T LEAVE NOW I'M GONNA BE LATE FOR MY MEET UP
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D HAVE THE SHIFT CHART BY TOMORROW!
KACHAK
GEEZ...

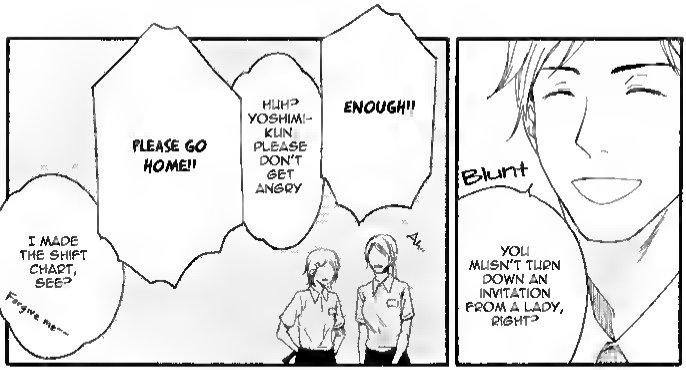
EH, DIDN'T HE GO ON A DATE THE DAY BEFORE?
IF HE KEEPS THIS UP WON'T BE GET TIRED OF IT
THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE
YOSHIMI-SAN, DID THE MANAGER RUN OUT ON YOU AGAIN?
IT'S ANOTHER DATE
THAT GUY SHOULD WORK OVER-TIME ONCE IN A WHILE...
AFTER ALL, SEEMS LIKE HE DOESN'T HAVE JUST ONE DATE
SERI-OUSLY!!
He's two-timing? Or more?
HE SAYS THEY'RE ALL FRIENDS THOUGH
HE MEANS ADULT FRIENDS, RIGHT...?
What's with those sparkles?
WELL, HE'S VERY CAPABLE WORK-WISE AND THE PART-TIMERS LIKE HIM ENOUGH
Enough to run out on overtime work
MAYBE YOU NEED TO BE THAT BRAZEN TO BE SUITED FOR A MANAGER POSITION
AH-- YOU HAVE A POINT

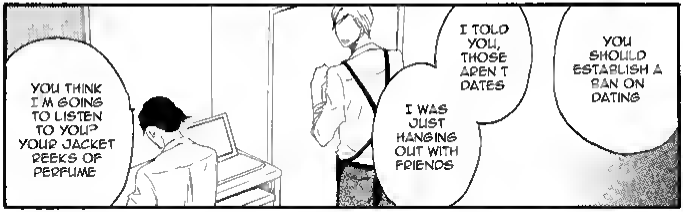



AFTER ALL, THE PREVIOUS MANAGER COLLAPSED FROM ANXIETY...
YEAH
'Cuz he was a sensitive person...

IF YOU'VE GOT SOME EXCUSE, I'LL LISTEN

S-Sir?
What's that?
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S NOT AN EXCUSE PER SE...

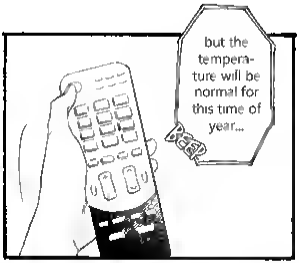

ENOUGH!!
HUH? YOSHIMI-KUN PLEASE DON'T GET ANGRY
PLEASE GO HOME!!
I MADE THE SHIFT CHART, SEE?
Forgive me---
Ah...
Blunt
YOU MUSN'T TURN DOWN AN INVITATION FROM A LADY, RIGHT?


YOU SHOULD ESTABLISH A BAN ON DATING
I TOLD YOU, THOSE AREN'T DATES
I WAS JUST HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS
YOU THINK I'M GOING TO LISTEN TO YOU? YOUR JACKET REEKS OF PERFUME

HERE, I'VE CHECKED THE SHIFTS
This is ok
THANKS
I'll paste it up
BUT IT'S ALRIGHT TO DELEGATE SOME MORE OF THE WORK TO ME, OKAY?
Isn't it tough?
YOU SAY THAT BUT YOU RUN OFF AT THE FIRST SIGN OF OVERTIME
SO FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER
BEFORE I CAME IN DID YOU USED TO DO THIS ALL BY YOURSELF?
THE PREVIOUS MANAGER'S HOSPITALIZATION WAS PRETTY SUDDEN SO
AMAZING---

!
ALL THAT DOES IS ADD TO YOUR MEET UPS
HAHA
I'LL TREAT YOU TO A MEAL NEXT TIME SO
CUT ME SOME SLACK, ALRIGHT?

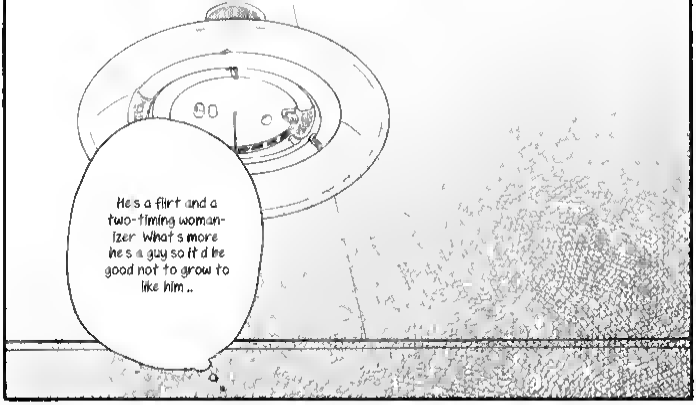
The Kantou region will still experience some lingering rain in the afternoon
The weather for tomorrow


but the tempera-ture will be normal for this time of year...
Beep

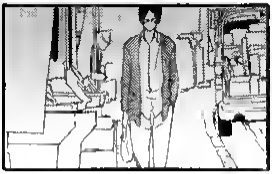
It's not easy for me to hang around people so I've never built up an immunity towards contact with others.
Moreover, I have little experience with love

Since way before
I already knew I'm weak when it comes to skinship...

WOW, YOU'RE STILL IN YOUR 20'S?
Are you 10 years younger?
SO YOUNG
But the new manager is touchy with anyone
What long hair!
Please don't mess with it
IT'S TOUGH, ISN'T IT?
And then suddenly my work has increased to include responsibilities as a deputy manager
It's to be expected that this irregular situation is tiring but
despite that the feel of his hands is surprisingly comforting


He's a flirt and a two-timing womanizer. What's more he's a guy so it'd be good not to grow to like him...

MANAGER?



HUH?

YOSHIMI-KUN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU TOO, YOSHIMI-KUN--
--AH,

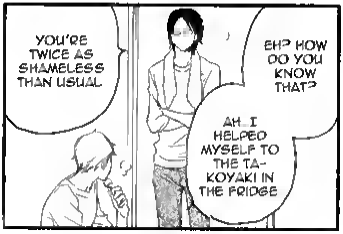
PERFECT TIMING!
LOOKS LIKE THERE AREN'T ANY MORE BUSES SO LET ME STAY OVER AT YOUR PLACE, ALRIGHT?
DO YOU LIVE AROUND HERE?
THAT'S RIGHT
BUT YOU DON'T RIGHT, MANAGER?
HA?
AND IT'S FINE THAT SHE CALLED ME OVER TO HER HOUSE BUT THEN SHE CHASED ME OUT.
YOU ANSWERED A CALL FROM ANOTHER WOMAN WHILE MEETING UP WITH HER. OF COURSE, SHE'D GET MAD, RIGHT?

AH, THE BATH'S READY!
CAN I GO IN?
HA!?

WE'RE JUST FRIENDS THOUGH —
YES, YES
MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME THOUGH IT'S MESSY
KACHAK

SPLASH!

AH, LEND ME SOME PAJAMAS
I'M FINE WITH A SHIRT OR SOME-THING
WAI-
WHY ARE YOU JUST-


YOU'RE TWICE AS SHAMELESS THAN USUAL
EH? HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
AH, I HELPED MYSELF TO THE TA-KOYAKI IN THE FRIDGE

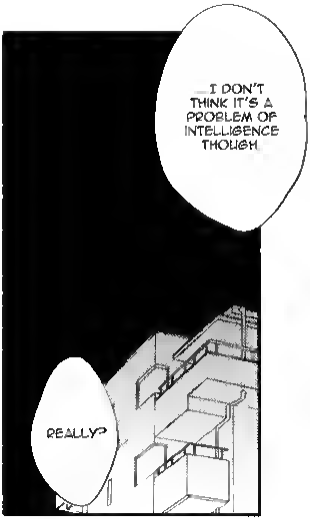
nice and warm.
MANAGER YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING HAVEN T YOU?
2nd to the bath.

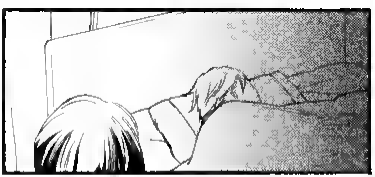
YOSHIMI-KUN, YOSHIMI-KUN
It doesn t show on his face so I couldn t tell...

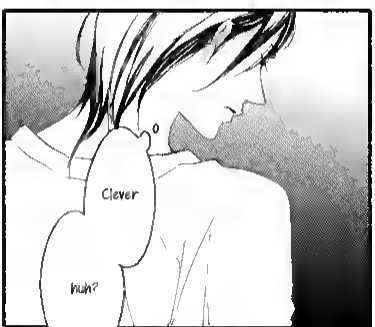
HERE, COME HERE
THAT'S ANNOYING! QUIT IT!
YEAH, I GUESS SO
HAHA SCARY
SOMEDAY, YOU'RE GONNA GET KNIFED IN THE DARK
..Geez! You don't even know how I feel
ARE YOU LIKE THAT WITH THOSE WOMEN?
I'M GONNA TURN OFF THE LIGHTS.
CLICK
NH-
I NEVER GOES WELL

I WANT TO BE NICE TO EVERY-BODY
IF THEY TELL ME THEY WANT TO BE SPOILED, I WANT TO SPOIL THEM
IF THEY SAY THEY WANT TO BE TOGETHER I WANT TO BE THERE WITH THEM
BUT IN THE END THEY ALL JUST GET MAD AT ME
HOLLOW LAUGH
THOSE WOMEN DON'T WANT TO BE TREATED KINDLY
WHAT THEY WANT IS TO BE SPECIAL TO YOU
--I GUESS SO

THOSE WOMEN CAN'T RESPOND TO BEING REFERRED TO AS 'EVERYBODY'
THAT'S WHY THEY GET ANGRY WHEN YOU TREAT THEM LIKE EVERYONE ELSE
I CAN'T CHOOSE ONE TO BE 'SPECIAL'
THEN, THAT'D BE TOUGH FOR ME
YOU'RE SO CLEVER, YOSHIMI-KUN
HMM, IS THAT SO?


I DON'T THINK IT'S A PROBLEM OF INTELLIGENCE THOUGH.
REALLY?




Clever
huh?

Well I didn't really expect to be able to sleep tonight

That's not it you know
I
NH
Sweet~

It's a good thing my shift tomorrow starts in the afternoon.
UM...
YOU'RE PRETTY BEAT.
YOSHIMI-SAN YOU'VE BEEN GOING ON NONSTOP SINCE LAST WEEK
THERE JUST ISN'T A GOOD TIME TO SCHEDULE A VACATION
WELL TODAY I ONLY HAVE UNTIL NOON
I THINK I'LL HEAD HOME EARLY AND
YOSHIMI-SAN YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL FROM ITOU-SAN
--EH?
A COLD?

GOOD MORNING
GOOD MORNING
HUH?
YOSHIMI-KUN?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONLY UP TIL NOON TODAY
I WAS SUPPOSED TO BUT
GOOD MORNING
EH!? WHY DIDN'T YOU CONTACT ME!?
I TOU GOT A COLD AND COULDN'T COME IN.
I took over his shift
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET A BREAK SINCE LAST WEEK!

BUT IF I JUST STAYED THEN THAT WOULD'VE SOLVED THE PROBLEM
THUNK
ACK!
A poke to the fore-head!?
WHAT...
YOSHIMI-KUN, THAT'S
A BAD HABIT OF YOURS HUH?

UNTIL I CAME YOU WERE ACTING MANAGER.
AT FIRST, IT WAS EASIER TO LET YOU HANDLE THINGS SINCE IT SEEMS EASIER ON YOU BUT
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME I TOOK ON SOME MORE OF THE LOAD.
IT'S MOSTLY DESKWORK BUT
YOSHIMI-KUN ALWAYS TRIES TO SORT OUT THINGS ON YOUR OWN.
--AH...
EH!
YOSHIMI -KUN!?
I'M SO SOR...
EVEN THOUGH I LOOK LIKE THIS I'M ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD AT WORK, YOU KNOW?

In all this confusion I managed to get some good benefit...
Pat Pat
YOUR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY IS STRONG BUT
DON'T TRY TO SHOULDER EVERYTHING, ALRIGHT?

It probably...

...never ever crossed the manager's mind that the man he's holding right now is gay

...YES

I'M FINE NOW
AH, SORRY
A MAN'S CHEST JUST ISN'T SATISFYING, RIGHT?
Haha

Shuts
THEN, I'LL BE TAKING MY LEAVE NOW
Thanks for your hard work.
AH, SURE

NO...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I don't need to be special...
Being able to stay near him like this is enough
I'm
He worries about me same as
he worries about work.
REST UP, YOU HEAR!

already happy being just like everybody else

A MOVIE...?
言うまでもない
後篇

YEAH THIS ONE
DOESN'T IT SEEM KINDA INTEREST-ING?
HM. WELL THE REVIEWS ARE GOOD.

ONCE IN A WHILE IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA TO CATCH THE LAST SHOW AFTER WORK. RIGHT?

Since then
the manager has been spending more time at his desk.
...HAA
It's fine but...
Incidentally he began to be more attentive of days off
He's even put in more overtime
WHAT?
IT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT ME EVEN OUTSIDE WORK, ISN'T IT?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU DON'T NEED TO BE WORRIED. I'LL BE SURE TO ENTRUST MORE WORK TO YOU.
ARE YOU STILL CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE?

I SINCERELY WANT TO HANG OUT WITH YOU THAT'S WHY I INVITED YOU OUT, YOSHIMI-KUN
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
EH? THOSE WEREN'T MY INTENTIONS AT ALL
IS THAT WHAT YOU THOUGHT, YOSHIMI-KUN?
THAT'S BECAUSE LATELY, YOU HAVEN'T GONE ON DATES
I TOLD YOU, THEY'RE JUST FRIENDS
I've told you many times now
IF IT'S ALRIGHT WITH YOU THEN IT'S ALRIGHT WITH ME
This guy
REALLY?
That's good.
*Special menu

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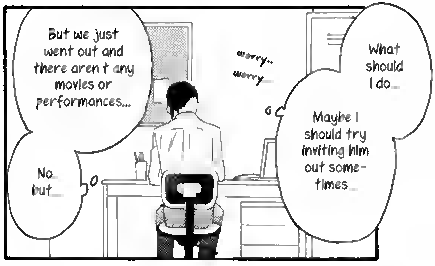
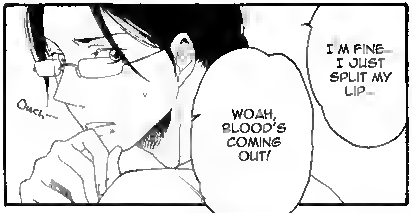
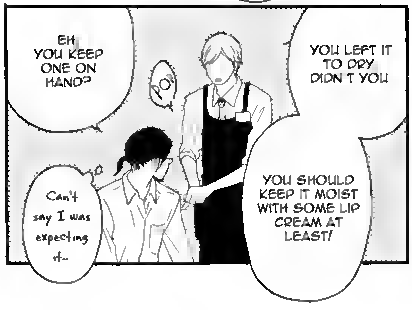
SHOCK
YOSHIMI-KUN
Sweat
KACHAK
UWAH!

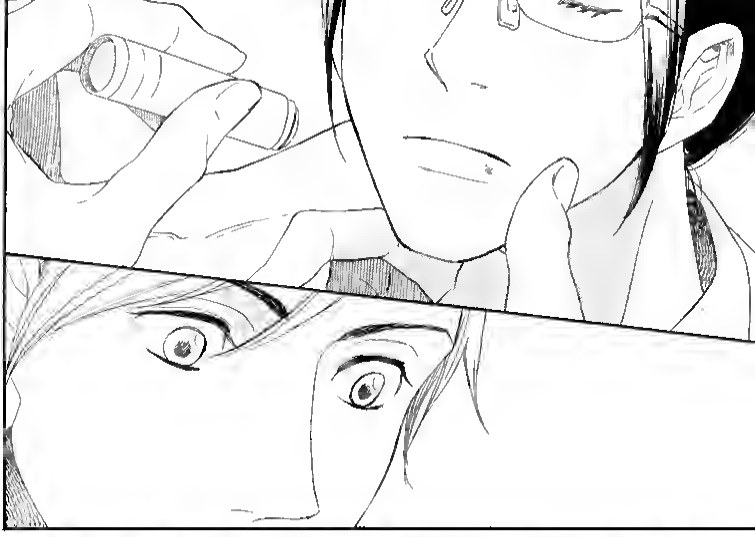

But we just went out and there aren't any movies or performances...
No, but...
worry... worry...
What should I do...
Maybe I should try inviting him out sometimes...


Ouch...
WOAH, BLOOD'S COMING OUT!
I'M FINE... I JUST SPLIT MY LIP...

EH, WHAT!?
WHAT'S THE MATTER!?


EH, YOU KEEP ONE ON HAND?
YOU LEFT IT TO DRY DIDN'T YOU
Can't say I was expecting it...
YOU SHOULD KEEP IT MOIST WITH SOME LIP CREAM AT LEAST!

I'LL APPLY SOME ON YOU
COME ON LOOK OVER HERE
HUH?
HAA!?
NU
I GET IT! PLEASE GET THIS OVER QUICKLY!
YES, YES You don't need to keep you eyes shut
Gara Gara
WAI-- WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!
OUCH! MY NECK HURTS!!
Eh, what are they doing?
HOLD STILL IT'LL BE OVER QUICKLY!
JUST A LITTLE MORE AND WE'RE DO---



THEN, I'LL BE TAKING A BREAK. CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANY-THING.
I UNDER-STAND

Hah-
My neck hurts
...PLEASE HURRY UP
AH, YEAH SORRY, SORRY.

SHUTS

Tha, That surprised me
What the hell was that... Lately he's been more concerned about me than before
Do you usually do that kind of thing for another guy?
Is this just normal for that guy?
But I've never seen him do this for anyone else
FLIP

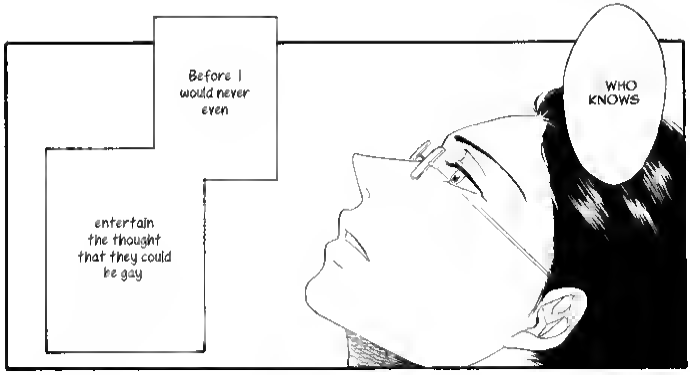
MANAGER, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YOU'RE KINDA QUIET TODAY
These guys from the club
HN?
What?
HN
EH?!
YOSHIMI-KUN IS A GUY THOUGH
HUH? WHAT DID YOU SAY?
NO
IT'S NOTHING
As I thought, I should try inviting him out once

HAVE YOU SEEN THE MANAGER?
HE'S AT THE STAIRWELL
THANKS
MANA-GER AH?
Is he on the phone...?
---YEAH
YEAH
WORK'S BEEN A BIT HECTIC
---YEAH...
THAT'S RIGHT, SO LET'S MEET UP TONIGHT
REALLY? GREAT
THEN I'LL MAKE THE RESERVA-TIONS
LET'S MEET UP AT
I SAID I'M SORRY
DON'T SULK LIKE THAT

YOSHIMI-SAN
THE MANAGER SNUCK OUT THE BACK JUST NOW
AH IT'S FINE
HUH? YOU'RE GOING TO OVERLOOK IT?
SEEMS LIKE IT'S A LONG AWAITED DATE SO IT'S FINE
HMM---
HAVE WAVE

TOMADA-SAN, AREN'T YOU DRINKING A BIT TOO FAST?
You're a lightweight, right?
IF IT'S JUST THIS MUCH, IT'S ALRIGHT.
BUT WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?
WHAT?
IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO INVITE ME OUT LIKE THIS TOMADA-SAN
BESIDES, IF I GET DRUNK, YOU'LL LOOK AFTER ME, WON'T YOU?
HEHE SURE
IS THAT SO?
IT IS TOMADA-SAN'S THE TYPE TO JUST GO ALONG WHEN HE'S INVITED, AM I RIGHT?
AND YET, LATELY YOU'VE TURNED DOWN ALL INVITATIONS.
I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE YOU'VE SUDDENLY FOUND SOMEONE YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT BUT

YOSHIMI-SAN, I HAVE THE MORNING SHIFT TOMOR-ROW
THE LAST TRAIN'S COMING SO I'M GONNA HEAD HOME
DON'T WORRY I'M NOT GONNA BITE
I'm gonna put the empty cans in the sink, okay?
OF COURSE YOU AREN'T WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
ARE YOU GOING HOME?
IF YOU WANTED TO DRINK THE NIGHT AWAY YOU SHOULD HAVE INVITED SOMEONE WHO HAD A DAY OFF TOMORROW
I HAVEN'T GOT ANY FRIENDS LIKE THAT


Before I would never even
entertain the thought that they could be gay
WHO KNOWS

I'm such an idiot...
BLUB BLUB BLUB
YOSHIMI-SAN, YOU'RE GETTING BEER ALL OVER YOURSELF!
What are you doing!?

I'm the one who went off and got expecta-tions
and then got those expec-tations betrayed
I don't have any right to feel hurt I never have

I should hurry and give up
Forget about it quickly.
I'm going, okay?
Yeah, ...

not from the very beginning.

There's no way I could ever be his someone special--
KACHAK
WOAH!
EH?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SHINO...
MANAGER?

MANAGER WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS HOUR?
Why is the man-? ager..
AH... SURE THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK
U-UM--- I'M GOING HOME NOW, KAY?
DID YOU GET CHASED OUT AGA!
SFX Grip
OUCH!
WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SHINO-KUN?

BAM
PLEASE GO HOME
YOSHI-MI--KUN!
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, DOES IT!
ACK!
THUMP

YOSHIMI -KUN
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH HIM...?
I don't want this
Enough
Why is this guy this angry?
he's jealous or something--
!!
WHOM
I don't want to misunderstand anymore but
this is just like
PLEASE LET ME GO!
WHAT'S IT TO YOU WHAT I DO!
YOSHIMI -KUN!

I'M NOT YOUR 'SPECIAL' ONE, RIGHT!?
SO PLEASE DON'T MESS WITH MY FEEL-INGS ANYMORE THAN THIS!!

UWAH!?
Thud
EH, WAI-
MANAGED, WHY

--I DON'T UNDERSTAND
ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS YOU--
EVEN WHEN I MEET UP WITH THOSE WOMEN
I TURN DOWN EVERYONE AND PREFER YOU?
WHY IS IT THAT
I WANT TO TREAT EVERY-ONE NICELY AND I SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO JUST CHOOSE ONE AND YET
I LIKE GIRLS AND YOSHIMI -KUN IS A GUY
--HUH?

YOSHIMI-KU...
THEN... WHY DON'T YOU TRY
EMBRACING ME?
EH...
DO YOU MEAN-
IF YOU DO THAT
YOU MAY BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING

SORRY, YOSHIMI-KUN
DOES IT HURT?
IT'S F-FINE, KEEP GOING
AH!
AH

JUST AS I THOUGHT
AH
UH
LOOKS LIKE I LIKE YOU
I SAID IT'S FINE
—I'M SORRY
I
THAT
PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT TO ANYONE ELSE OKAY...?

I WOULDN T
UM
ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?
YES
Well...

SORRY. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME WITH A GUY SO I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO GO ABOUT IT
Wait— it's all over-out
NO
ISN'T IT SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS
Though it's also my first time
BUT STILL, FALLING FOR A GUY
IT'S 'SPECIAL' IN A DIFFERENT WAY HUH?
I GUESS SO
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOSHIMI-KUN, YOU LIKE ME TOO RIGHT?
I didn't hear it from you properly so.
I THINK THAT'S A PRETTY FOOLISH QUESTION TO ASK
At this point
End

THE POINT IS
A STUDENT LIKE YOU KEEPING A 2-BEDROOM APARTMENT ALL TO YOURSELF IS TOO WASTEFUL

EH, BUT THIS PLACE IS PRETTY CHEAP, YOU KNOW?
BESIDES, IT'S NOT A 2-BEDROOM PLACE, IT'S A 1LDK, SO IT HAS JUST ONE BEDROOM
SHUT UP THAT'S THE SAME AS A 2-BEDROOM APARTMENT ALREADY

EH.
I'VE HAD MY PLACE SINCE I WAS IN COLLEGE AND IT'S RUNDOWN AND INCONVINENT.
IF WE SPLIT THE RENT, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE MORE.
EH, UM
RIGHT NOW, I'M JUST A COMMON EMPLOYEE SO I DON'T GET MUCH OF A SALARY.

恋とも言う
SO I'M GOING TO BE LIVING HERE ALRIGHT?
And that's how I ended up living together with my senior... Ichizaki-san

YOU'RE LATE, SUZUEDA!

PLEASE BE REASONABLE—

I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING WHEN YOU SUDDENLY CALLED ME OUT TO GO TO THE STORE, YOU KNOW?

IF I SLIPPED OUT HALFWAY, THEY WOULD HAVE COMPLAINED NONSTOP

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THAT DRINKING CLUB'S DRINKING PARTY SO SERIOUSLY

THAT'S HARSH COMING FROM AN ALUMNI ICHIZAKI-SAN

HERE'S THE MEATBUN YOU ASKED FOR

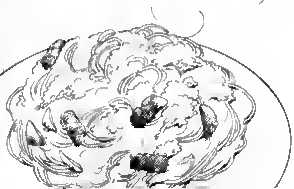
YEAH—

—AH, THAT REMINDS ME WE HAVE TO USE THOSE EGGS PRETTY SOON—

HEY, YOU WANT TO EAT THAT?

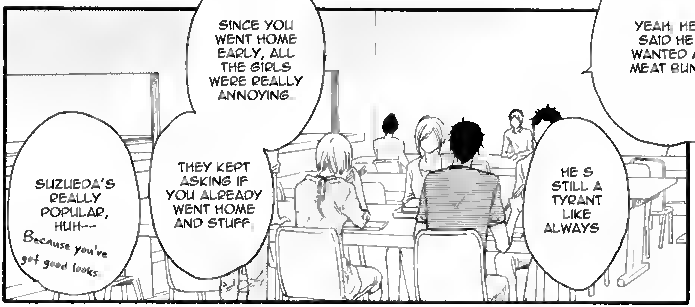
!

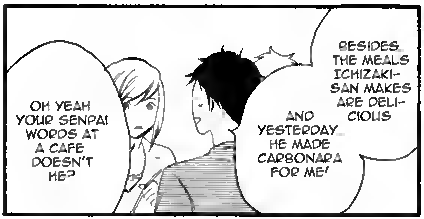
YES!



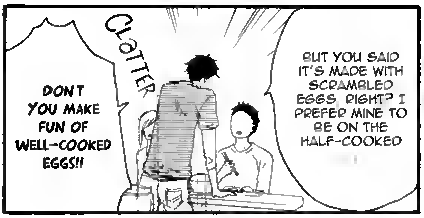
EH--- BUT EGGS COOKED ALL THE WAY ARE DELICIOUS ---
YOU SHOULD JUST BE GLAD THE STORE MANAGER'S RECIPE USED SCRAMBLED EGGS
IF I DION'T NEED THE PRACTICE FOR THE STORE, I WOULD HAVE GONE OUT OF MY WAY TO MAKE IT
DELI- CIOUS!
THAT'S GOOD
I PREFER MY CARBONARA ON THE HALF-COOKED SIDE
ZZZ
AH
HEY, ICHIZAKI-SAN, IF YOU'RE GONNA SLEEP YOU SHOULD GET IN BED OR YOU'LL CATCH A COLD
NH
ARE YOU GOING TO WORK TOMOR- ROW?
THEN, I'LL SET THE ALARM, OKAY?
YES, YES
Up you go
THEN, TUCK ME IN

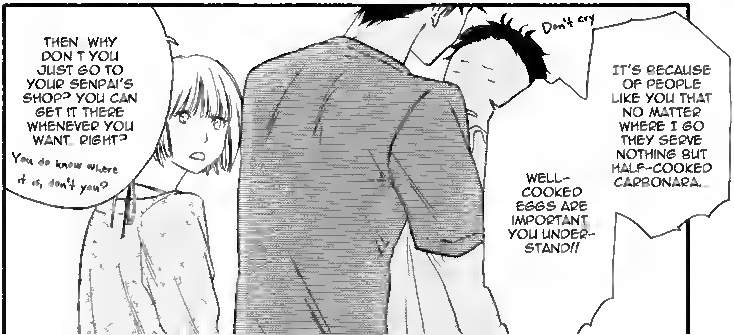
YOU REALLY DO EVERY-THING I TELL YOU TO
SU-ZUEDA.
THEN, I LL TURN OFF THE LIGHTS NOW.
AS LONG AS IT'S YOU, I'LL ALWAYS LISTEN TO WHAT YOU SAY, ICHIZAKI-SAN
SUZUEDA DID SENPAI CALL YOU OUT WHILE YOU WERE OUT DRINK-ING AGAIN?
GOOD NIGHT.
CLICK


YEAH, HE SAID HE WANTED A MEAT BUN
SINCE YOU WENT HOME EARLY, ALL THE GIRLS WERE REALLY ANNOYING
HE'S STILL A TYRANT LIKE ALWAYS
THEY KEPT ASKING IF YOU ALREADY WENT HOME AND STUFF
SUZUEDA'S REALLY POPULAR, HUH---
Because you've got good looks.


OH YEAH YOUR SENPAI WORKS AT A CAFE DOESN'T HE?
AND YESTERDAY HE MADE CARBONARA FOR ME!
BESIDES, THE MEALS ICHIZAKI-SAN MAKES ARE DELI-CIOUS

I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU
IF SENPAI WEREN'T LIVING WITH YOU, YOU MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN YOURSELF A GIRLFRIEND BY THIS TIME.
NAH, I DON'T MIND.
That's...


Clatter
DON'T YOU MAKE FUN OF WELL-COOKED EGGS!!
BUT YOU SAID IT'S MADE WITH SCRAMBLED EGGS, RIGHT? I PREFER MINE TO BE ON THE HALF-COOKED


THEN, WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO TO YOUR SENPAI'S SHOP? YOU CAN GET IT THERE WHENEVER YOU WANT, RIGHT?
You do know where it is, don't you?
Don't cry
IT'S BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU THAT NO MATTER WHERE I GO THEY SERVE NOTHING BUT HALF-COOKED CARBONARA...
WELL-COOKED EGGS ARE IMPORTANT, YOU UNDER-STAND!!

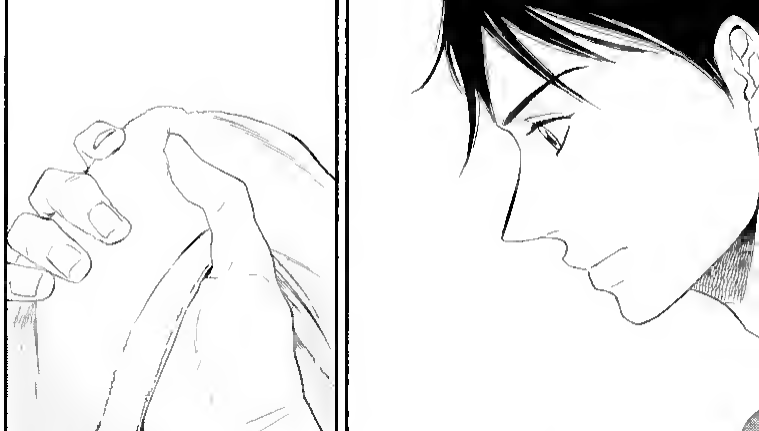
What a pitiful guy
BUT HE KEEPS THREATENING TO KILL ME IF I GO THERE
I think he's just embarrassed
YOU SAY HE'S A NICE GUY BUT...
IF I WERE LIVING WITH A TROUBLESOME SENPAI LIKE THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STAND IT
YES, YES
WE GET IT. WE GET IT
EH, BUT ICHIZAKI-SAN REALLY IS A NICE GUY
ZZZ

HUH?
...
WHY ARE YOU SLEEPING IN MY BED?
AND YOU'RE HAIR'S WET TOO
GEEZ YOU COULD HAVE DRIED IT FIRST BEFORE YOU WENT TO BED
UUUGH
NH---
YOU REEK OF COSMETICS
EH, REALLY?
Somehow...
It's like I saw something I shouldn't have

SHOULD LET ME KNOW IF YOU'VE FOUND A GIRLFRIEND
DIDN'T YOU GO TO YOUR PART TIME JOB TODAY?
I DID BUT
WE ALL WENT OUT TO EAT AFTERWARDS MAYBE THAT'S WHERE I GOT IT
Maybe I shou'd wash it
HEY, YOU
HUH?
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T HAVE ONE
WHEN YOU FIND ONE FROM NOW ON
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?
'WHY'? BECAUSE IT'S ANNOYING
IT'D BE INCONVENIENT FOR YOU TOO, RIGHT?
For lots of reasons
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL MOVE OUT

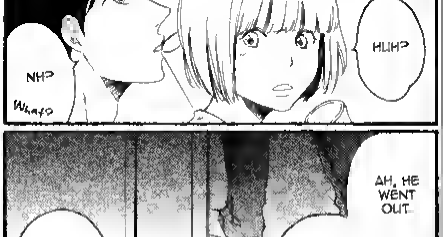
THEN, I'M NEVER GETTING A GIRLFRIEND
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO LEAVE?
YES
WHY?
HUH?

WHAT THE- YOU'RE SUCH A KID
AH, ICHIZAKI-SAN!
WHY'
BECAUSE
IT'D BE LONELY
Your hair's still wet though
SIGH
I'M GOING TO SLEEP



And then is... Are you listening?
I think there's got to be a more apt word for it but...
A way to express my feelings...

HUH?
NH?
Whats


AH, HE WENT OUT
THE GUY WHO WAS JUST COMING IN LOOKED LIKE ICHIZAKI-SENPA!
LIKE ICHIZAKI-SAN?

It'd be lonely and
I wouldn't be able to eat your delicious meals

HMMM.
MAYBE I'LL TRY ASKING HIM TOMORROW
YEAH, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN JUST MY IMAGINA-TION
Did Ichizaki-san go to work already?
He was a bit late yesterday though...
Am I just imagining it?
But somehow it's kinda...
The room looks cleaned out..

WOAH !?
ドガ
THUD
CRASH
?
?
WELCOME TO
AH- UM/
IS ICHIZAKI-SAN HERE!?

IT'S HIS DAY OFF TODAY THOUGH...
.....

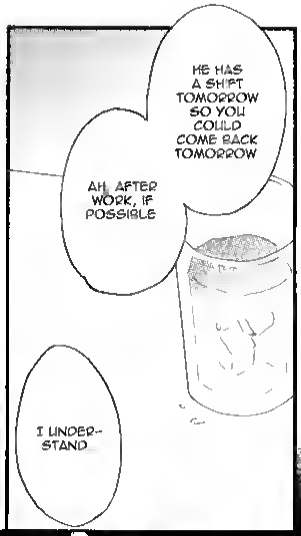
EH, WAI-
ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
URGH

Ah, thank you.
I SEE
SORRY I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HIS PRIVATE LIFE...

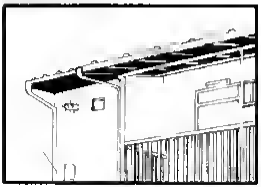
SO HE LEFT HOME
YES
WOULD YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

I'M SORRY
AH, MAYBE YOU'D LIKE SOMETHING TO EAT?
AH, THEN CARBONARA PLEASE...

I'M SORRY FOR THE INTRUSION
knocked over your plant
IT'S FINE


HE HAS A SHIFT TOMORROW SO YOU COULD COME BACK TOMORROW
AH, AFTER WORK, IF POSSIBLE
I UNDERSTAND

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
THANK



Ichizaki

HUH?

HELLO.
...WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?
I'm coming in.
YOU HAVEN'T MOVED OUT FROM HERE, HUH?
IT'S A GOOD THING I REMEMBER THE WAY
I came over several times before.
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID YOU WERE MOVING OUT OF HERE AND LIVING AT MY PLACE...
ICHIZAKI-SAN YESTERDAY DID YOU COME INTO THE RESTAURANT WHERE WE WENT DRINKING?

THE ONES I WAS WITH, THEY'RE JUST MY FRIENDS
IT DOESN'T MATTER. I WAS PLANNING ON MOVING OUT SOON
ALSO, JUST NOW I WENT TO ICHIZAKI-SAN'S SHOP BUT
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE ALWAYS SERVED THEIR CARBONARA HALF-COOKED

BAM
WOAH!
WAI ICHIZAKI-SAN!
That's dangerous
GO HOME!
DID YOU COME HERE TO LAUGH AT ME?
OR MAYBE YOU CAME HERE TO COMPLAIN!
ICHIZAKI-SAN, PLEASE WAIT
NOW THAT YOU KNOW...
WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR!

Thump
Thwak
WAH-! WAH!
ICHIZAKI-SAN, CALM DOWN
RESIDES, I ALREADY MOVED OUT SO LEAVE ME ALONE!
WELL, SORRY FOR BEING A HOMO WHO COOKS MEALS TO SUIT YOUR TASTE!
WOAH! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!!
GRAB
That's dangerous
AFTER ALL,
I CAN'T
BE THAN JUST A SENPAI TO YOU, RIGHT ?

WHA-
SU-ZUEDA?
WHATEVER ICHIZAKI-SAN SAYS I ALWAYS LISTEN TO
I UNDER-STAND
IT'S NOT BECAUSE YOU'RE MY SENPAI IT'S BECAUSE IT'S ICHIZAKI-SAN
YOU TIMES LIKE THIS, YOU SHOULDN'T FORCE YOURSELF TO STICK TO SENPAI-KOUHAI RELATIONSHIP RULES
YOU'RE WRONG!

THEN,
CAN YOU KISS ME AND STUFF?
I CAN!
THE REASON WHY I LISTEN TO WHAT YOU SAY
IS BECAUSE I LIKE YOU, ICHIZAKI-SAN
...
NH!
!
NH
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THAT FAS--
MNPH!

HEY, WAIT!
SUZUEO...!
!
HAH
WAI-
-LI-
STO-
WA-
WAIT-
Slap
LISTEN TO WHAT IM SAYING!!

EEEH!?
BUT YOU LIKE ME, RIGHT ICHIZAKI-SAN!?
WHAT THE HELL! YOU'RE TOO HORNY!!
KISSING ONLY!
He's so shy
EH--- BUT
SHUT UP! TODAY WE'RE STICKING TO FIRST BASE!! PERVERT!!

End

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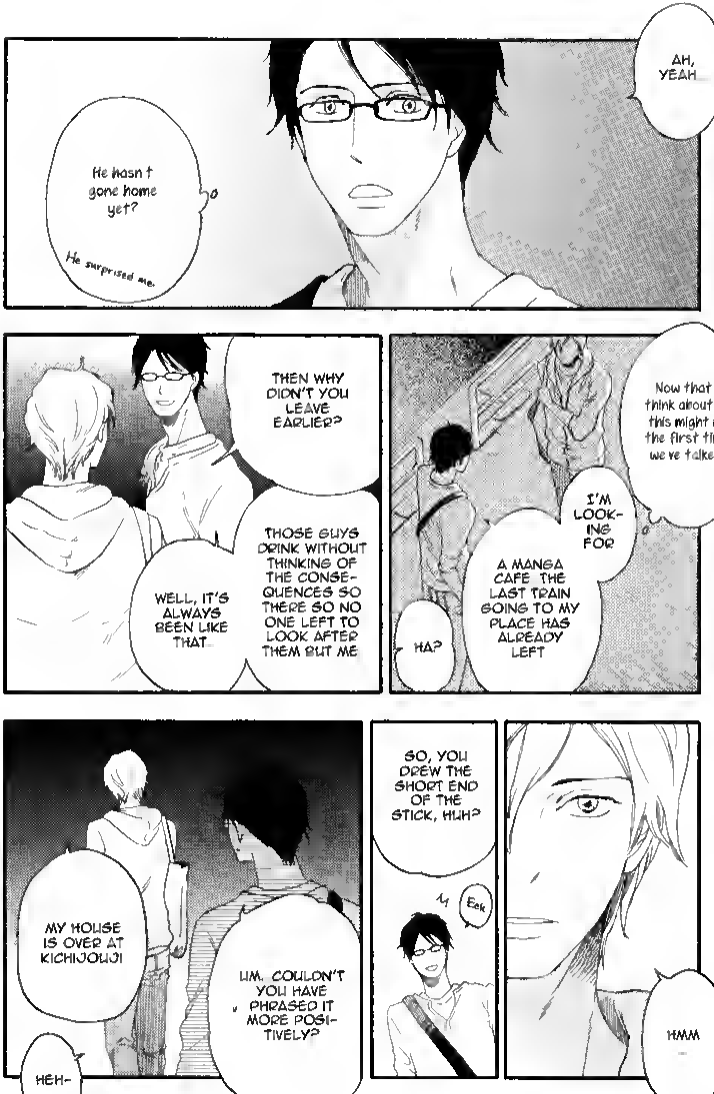
前篇

SASHIKI--- WE'VE RUN OUT OF BEER...
SOME EDAMAME TOO PLEASE
YES, YES
OVER THERE ISN'T THAT, UM, AMA-SAKA?
HE JOINED US TODAY...
That's rare
HUH? AH, YOU'RE RIGHT. MAYBE SOMEONE INVITED HIM OVER?
AH, AN OOLONG TEA HIGHBALL FOR ME
PLUM WINE
ADD A TAKO-WASA TO THAT...
YES, YES, YE---S
HE---Y, LET'S GO KARAOKE ---
NOPE. WE'RE BREAKING IT UP...
YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE FOR THE LAST TRAIN
CHEAP-SKATE ---

LET'S SEE NOW
HMM
YEAH-
SEE YOU
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THERE AREN'T ANY TRAIN STATIONS OR BUSES OVER THERE


AH, YEAH
He hasn't gone home yet?
He surprised me.
Now that I think about it, this might be the first time we've talked
I'M LOOKING FOR A MANGA CAFE THE LAST TRAIN GOING TO MY PLACE HAS ALREADY LEFT
HA?
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU LEAVE EARLIER?
THOSE GUYS DRINK WITHOUT THINKING OF THE CONSEQUENCES SO THERE SO NO ONE LEFT TO LOOK AFTER THEM BUT ME
WELL, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT
SO, YOU DREW THE SHORT END OF THE STICK, HUH?
Eek
HMM...
UM. COULDN'T YOU HAVE PHRASED IT MORE POSITIVELY?
MY HOUSE IS OVER AT KICHIJOUJI
HEH-

IF YOU'RE JUST LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO CRASH, YOU COULD COME OVER
Splash
I can't believe he's giving me somewhere to stay...
Even though we haven't talked that much
YOU CAN USE THAT SOFA ANY WAY YOU LIKE
AH, THANKS.
Splish Splish
He might not be very sociable but
he's a pretty decent guy, probab-

EH!?
THEN I'M HITTING THE SACK
WAIT A MINUTE! SHOULDN'T YOU BE SHOWING ME AROUND A BIT MORE!?
WHAT?
I WANT TO SLEEP ALREADY
AH SORRY ABOUT THAT...
FEEL FREE TO USE THE BATH OR WHATEVER
YES
He doesn't seem like a bad guy but
Hot water won't come out

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME...
← Left alone
WHY YOU ASK...?
WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE?
YOU WENT ON AHEAD AND LEFT ME WITH NO WAY TO LOCK THE DOOR DIDN'T YOU!!
EH?
AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE YOUR CELL NUMBER!
You sure you haven't got anything against me or something!
AH, SORRY IT JUST NEVER OCCURED TO ME

...DID YOU USE THE BEAN SPROUTS AND PORK?
HUH? YEAH
THERE WASN'T ANYTHING ELSE THERE SO IS THAT BAD?
NAH, NOT REALLY
NO...WELL, I DID HELP MYSELF TO THE CONTENTS OF YOUR FRIDGE SO
Maybe he has no people skills...
In short, he's simply very, very indifferent...
I WAS PLANNING ON EATING IT FOR DINNER BUT...
IF YOU'VE USED IT UP I CAN JUST MAKE DO WITH EGG AND RICE
I'LL GO OUT AND BUY SOMETHING!!

.....
For some reason I ended up making dinner for us...
CAN I EAT IT?
GO AHEAD
..Oh
TASTE GOOD?
YUP.
He's pretty easy to read today.
OH YEAH WHY DID YOU COME TO THE DRINKING PARTY YESTERDAY, AMASAKA?
YOU'VE NEVER JOINED BEFORE
NO SPECIAL REASON
WAY BETTER THAN THE FOOD AT THE IZAKAYA YESTERDAY.
...I can take that as a compliment, right?

IT WAS TROUBLESOME TO HAVE TO MAKE DINNER WHEN I GOT HOME SO
WHEN I GOT THE INVITE, I THOUGHT IT'D BE GOOD TO GO OUT ONCE IN A WHILE.
THEN, YOU DIDN'T HAVE A SPECIAL REASON FOR NOT JOINING TILL NOW, RIGHT?
YUP.
.....
.....
THEN, YOU SHOULD SHOW YOUR FACE MORE OFTEN FROM NOW ON.
IF I FEEL LIKE IT
...AH, THAT REMINDS ME. DO YOU KNOW HAYASHI FROM THE LECTURE CLASS? SHE SAID YOU HAVE A NICE FACE BUT SEEMED DIFFICULT TO AP-PROACH
I AM TRYING MY BEST TO CREATE A GOOD ATMOSPHERE HERE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO CUT ME DOWN LIKE THAT!
YOU DON'T NEED TO TRY SO HARD.
He sure is noisy
YOU'VE GOT A FACE THE GIRLS LIKE SO IF YOU WENT YOU'D BE POPULA
NOISY!?
SO NOISY

I DON'T MIND IF YOU DON'T TALK, SASHIKI
IT'S FINE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT
I UNDER-STAND
OKAY
Clink
...
.....It's quiet

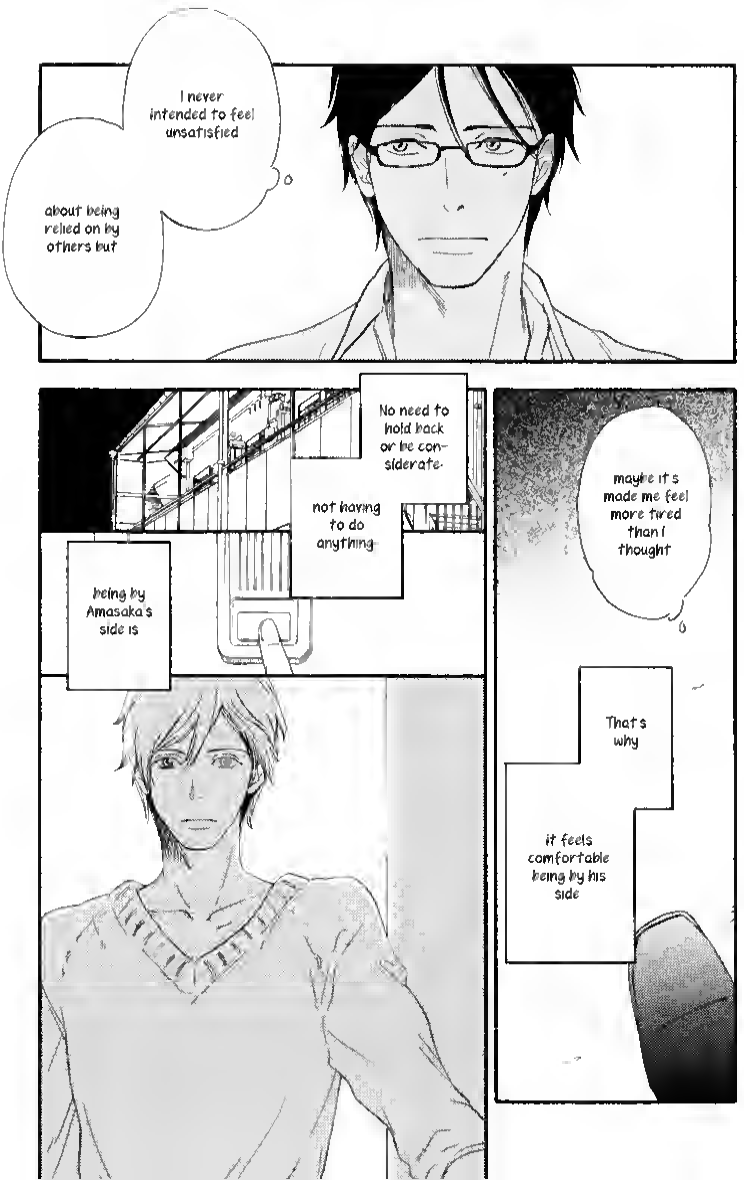
I didn't expect it but it's not so awkward
PLEASE- I'M BEGGING YOU!
DIDN'T WE DECIDE TO TAKE TURNS ORGANIZ-ING?
SORRY, BUT MY PART TIME WORK SHIFTS ARE REALLY TIGHT NEXT WEEK
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED
I OWE YOU ONE!
SORRY I'M GONNA EAT OVER THERE
HUH?
HEY, SASHIKI!
NEXT TIME, I'LL MAKE SURE TO
AH

CAN I SIT HERE?
SURE BUT
I'M DOING MY REPORT SO DON'T BOTHER ME, OKAY?
SURE

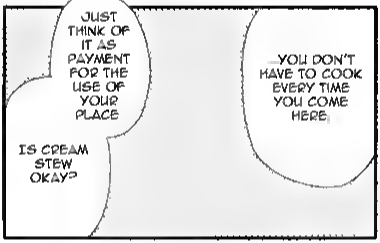
...
Oh
YOU'VE GOT FOURTH PERIOD?
YEAH
YOU REALLY DID IGNORE ME THE ENTIRE TIME.
I TOLD YOU I WAS DOING MY REPORT, DIDN'T I?

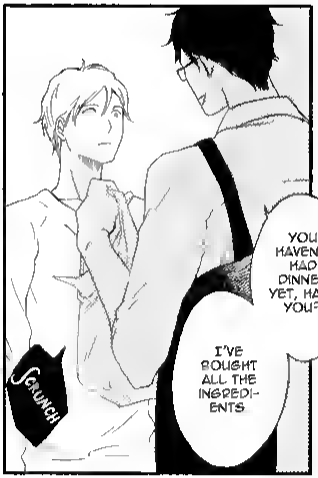
IF YOU WANTED SOMEONE TO TALK TO THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE TO SOMEONE ELSE IN THE FIRST PLACE
AH, WAIT!
GRAB
AH,
UM...
...IS IT ALRIGHT IF I GO OVER TO YOUR PLACE AGAIN?

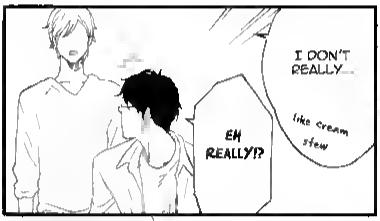
Intruding into his house when we're not even getting along all that well
There's simply no reason for it
What am I doing...?
Crinkle
I wonder if he eats stew
IT'S FINE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT

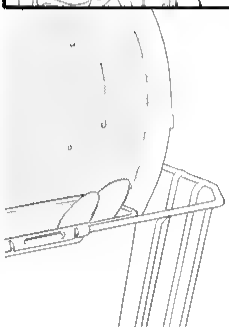

I never intended to feel unsatisfied
about being relied on by others but
No need to hold back or be considerate.
not having to do anything.
being by Amasaka's side is
maybe it's made me feel more tired than I thought
That's why
it feels comfortable being by his side

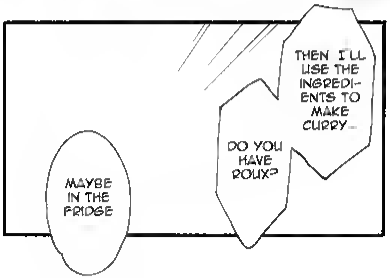
This is a space I will be permitted to
HEY


JUST THINK OF IT AS PAYMENT FOR THE USE OF YOUR PLACE
IS CREAM STEW OKAY?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO COOK EVERY TIME YOU COME HERE


YOU HAVEN'T HAD DINNER YET, HAVE YOU?
I'VE BOUGHT ALL THE INGREDI-ENTS
SKRUNCH


I DON'T REALLY like cream stew
EH REALLY!?

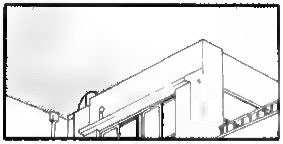


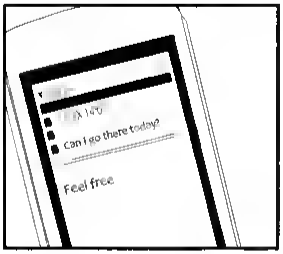

THEN I'LL USE THE INGREDI-ENTS TO MAKE CURRY
DO YOU HAVE ROUX?
MAYBE IN THE FRIDGE

FOR WHAT?
FOR MY COMING OVER HERE
YOU'RE NOT ASKING FOR A REASON
IS THERE SOMETHING THAT I NEED TO DO?
He accepted that really quick.
THEN IT'S FINE
NO, THERE ISN'T ANYTHING
SO IT'S ALRIGHT IF I KEEP COMING OVER?

EVER SINCE BEFORE, I GET LEFT OUT WHEN IT COMES TO CHOOSING GROUPINGS
I KNOW I'M NOT THE TYPE OTHERS LIKE SO
IN FAMILY RESTAURANTS I GET HIRED AS A WAITER BUT THEY TRANSFER ME TO THE KITCHEN SOON AFTER
IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T SMOOTH OVER YOUR ATTITUDE AMASAKA
CREAK
YOU KNOW I
DID I EVER DO ANYTHING FOR YOU TO LIKE ME?
IT NOT SOMETHING YOU DID MORE LIKE
WHAT ABOUT ME IS IT?
I SIMPLY GOT TO LIKE YOU
IT S DIFFICULT TO PIN-POINT A PARTICULAR THING ABOUT YOU BUT
Rather than angry I was more surprised
EVEN YOU GOT MAD AT ME WHEN YOU FIRST STAYED OVER

WELL, YOU SHOULD STAY JUST THE WAY YOU ARE, AMASAKA
THOUGH I'VE BEEN TOLD TO FIX MY PERSONALITY PRETTY HARSHLY
WHAT A WEIRD GUY.
OH,





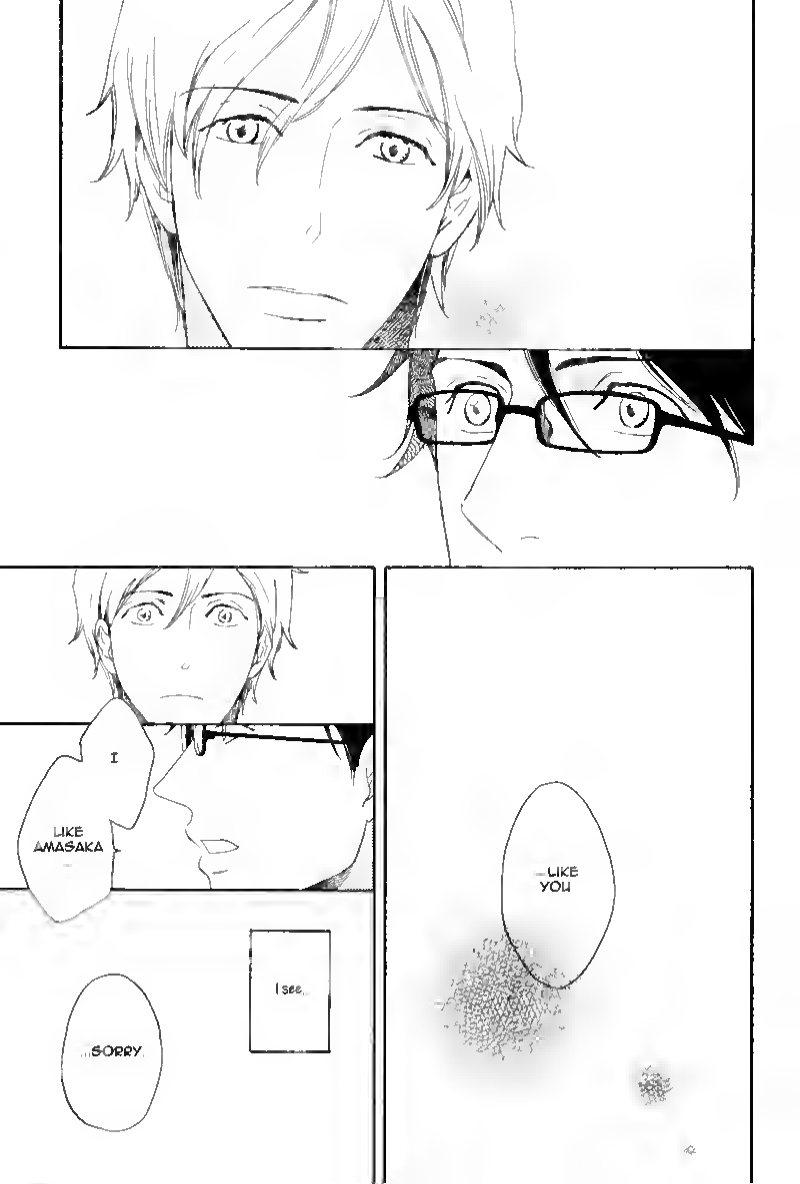
It's the first time I've seen him smile...

EH
LAST TIME HE WAS THERE BUT I DIDN'T GET TO TALK TO HIM. NEXT TIME, I'M GONNA GET MY REVENGE
WELL... A little...
THEN INVITE HIM OUT TO THE NEXT DRINKING PARTY!
HA-HAYASHI, DO YOU LIKE AMA-SAKA!?
WHAT ARE YOU PANICKING ABOUT?
EH? YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG I DON'T
I do like his face though.
IS THERE SOMETHING THE MATTER IF I DID?
AH DOES HE HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
I'm not gonna hit on him so don't worry

He fell asleep...
BADUMP
Why am I feeling all bothered about a guy...
Shake
Shake

But it feels comfortable by Amasaka's side and
that's all there is to it
WHAT ARE YOU PANICKING ABOUT?
I don't know
Why then
did I think that
I don't want to hand him over to anyone else?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LEAP BACK
UH,
WAH!
SO
SO?
ABOUT WHAT?


I LIKE AMASAKA
I see...
...SORRY.
...LIKE YOU

So that's what it is.
SORRY
-EH
I SEE
WAI-WAIT!
THAT'S IT!?
It's like you're just drifting

IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME
AMA-SAKA!
I'M NOT JOKING I'M SERIOUS
WHATEVER
HOW CAN IT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!?
THESE ARE FEELING I HAVE TOWARDS YOU!

I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO JUST ACCEPT IT SO
IF YOU DON'T WANT IT, THEN PLEASE REJECT ME PROPERLY!
WHERE'S THE NEED TO DO THAT?
HOW SASHIKI FEELS ABOUT ME HAS
NOTHING TO DO WITH ME
IT'S FINE FOR YOU TO DO WHAT YOU WANT, RIGHT?

Did I misunderstand?

He simply has very little interest in anything
But the truth is
I thought letting me into his house was some sort of privilege but I was simply the same whether I was there or not
Amasaka put forth his true feelings
he was a good guy who didn't smooth over his attitude
YOU BETTER

NOT REGRET THOSE WORDS.

From the very start,
he never saw me at all

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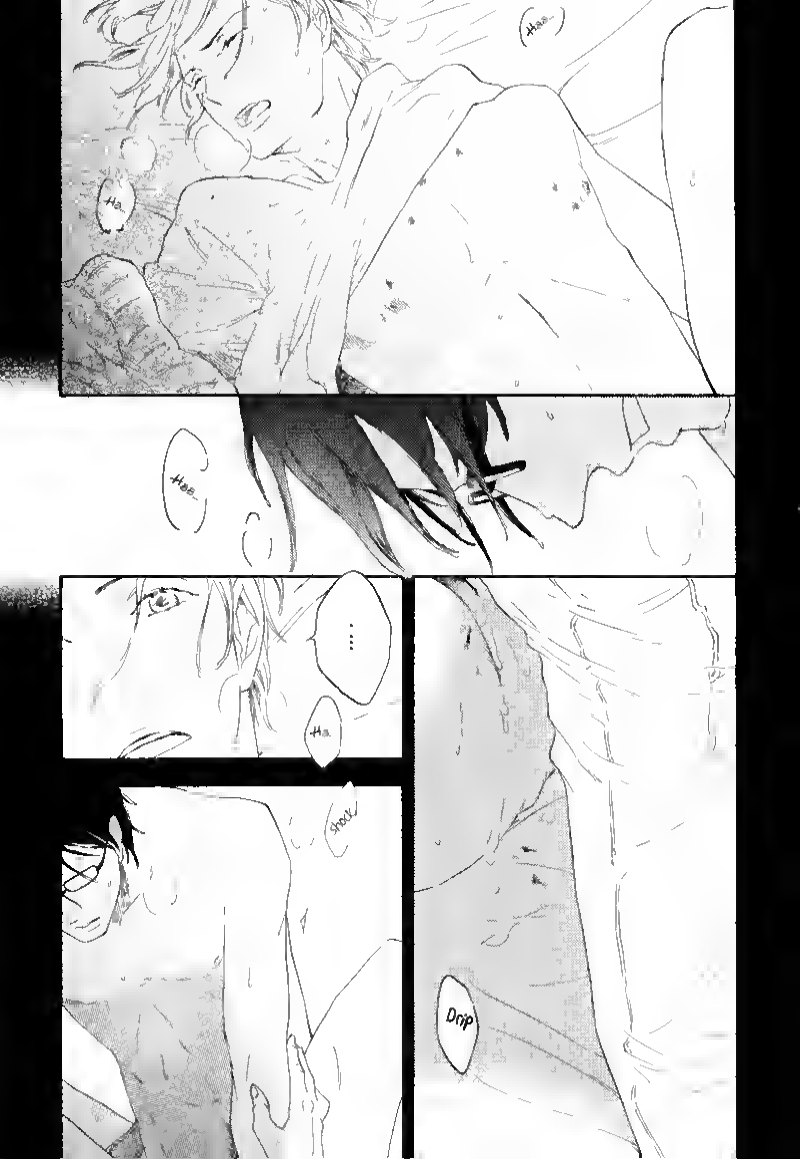
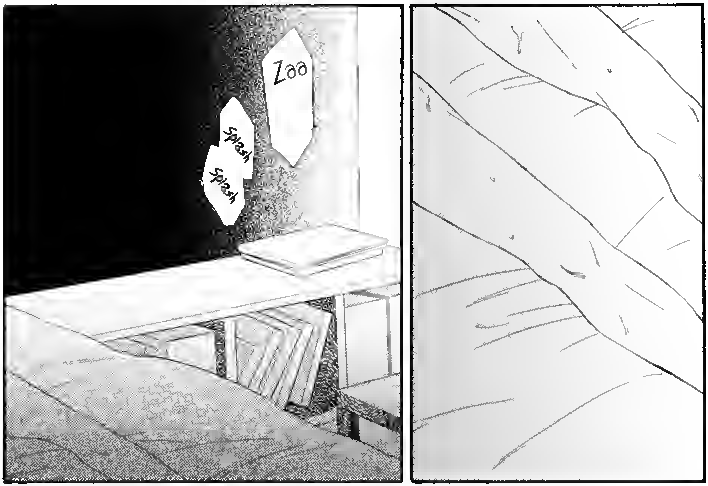

Haa...
Ha...
Haa...
...
Ha...
Shoul
Drip

SA-
THRUST.
URK!
AH
UH-


Zoo
Splash
Splash

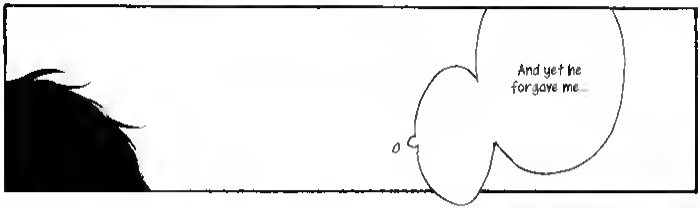
No matter how insulting his words were...
This..
COUGH
SHOCK
SLINK
HH
What am I doing?
I

EH
AND TOWELS
MY BODY'S ALL STICKY
AH, SURE
Splash
WATER
I'M SORRY

NO NEED
I DID TELL YOU TO DO WHAT YOU WANT
BUT TO GO SO FAR AS TO PUT THOSE WOUNDS...!
THEY'LL HEAL IF I LEAVE THEM ALONE, RIGHT?

SA-SHIKI?
I'M GOING HOME
SHUTS
I'M SORRY
Don't get it backwards

The victim here was Amasaka.
I selfishly hurt him.
I treated the one I like cruelly


And yet he forgave me...

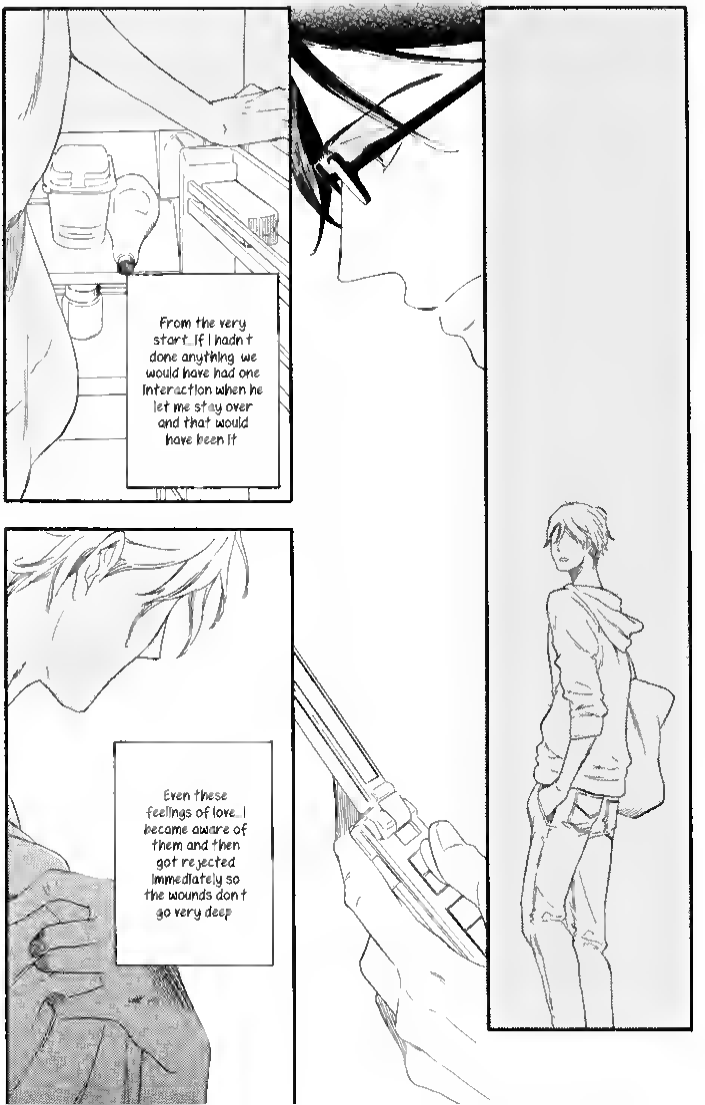
He felt no anger or any other emotion.
It's like he just fell down and got wounded
That expression... He really didn't care at all

Drip
A--AH...
He really
doesn't
think anything
of me at all.
酒処
居酒屋

I TOLD YOU TO BRING HIM ALONG.
SORRY, SORRY
The next day
Amasaka didn't come to class
HEY, SASHIKI
HM?
WHERE'S AMA-SAKA?
It looks like he didn't come
AH-
IT WAS IMPOSSI-BLE
EH-?
Is it because of the wounds or his physical condition?
I was concerned but I couldn't contact him
Even when we see each other in class
The beginning of next week, he was back like nothing at all happened.

he acts the same as always
Okay
Plum wine for me
A manga cafe in this area...
下鉄
WAY
Click
Click
SO, YOU DREW THE SHORT END OF THE STICK, HUH?

Even if I get tired of people depending on me
once I get home I can be alone
That's the way it's been till now
It doesn't have to be by Amasaka's side where I can rest
It's alright
Somehow I felt really nostalgic
Even though it hasn't been that long


From the very start. If I hadn't done anything, we would have had one interaction when he let me stay over and that would have been it
Even these feelings of love. I became aware of them and then got rejected immediately so the wounds don't go very deep

I'll be able to forget soon
HOW IS IT?
Clack
Clack
HMM.
FIRST OFF, I'VE SUMMARIZED THE COMPARISON FOR THE 29 YEARS
Take a look
THAT WAS FAST!
Thanks
AH
WHAT IS IT?

cough cough
SO, SORRY
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OVER THERE ISN'T THAT ISHI AND AMASAKA?
Baff
I'LL GO DRINK SOME WATER
SURE
Clank
I can't be shaken by every little thing
We've got class together and I'm bound to run into him for all sorts of stuff so I've got to get used to it
This won't do

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
cough cough
N-NOTHING
BRRRT
Cash
What is it?
AMASAKA ARE YOU PREPAIRING FOR THE DISCUSSION?
YEAH
SASHIKI
I want to go home.
AH.. WHA-WHAT!?
WE'RE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK
I-I SEE THAT'S ROUGH
.....
.....

WHY HAVEN'T YOU BEEN COMING OVER LATELY?
COME HERE A BIT...
HEY, SASHIKI
LATELY, I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY MAIL EITHER WHY...
AH, EXCUSE ME
UM... Waiter...

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD GO, IS THERE?

YOU REALLY ARE DENSE WHEN IT COME TO THE INNER WORKINGS OF OTHERS.
ON TOP OF GETTING DUMPED, I ENDED UP DOING SUCH A CRUEL THING.
HOW COULD I THERE GO BACK THERE SO EASILY?

I JUST SAID IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ME
AND EVEN THOUGH YOU DID THAT, I DON'T MIND SO
THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL GETTING DUMPED
.....?
BUT I DIDN'T DUMP YOU
SAYING THAT YOU DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING OF ME IS
THE SAME AS BEING REJECTED
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU'D GOTTEN ANGRY AND TOLD ME OFF
.....
I STILL LIKE YOU, AMASAKA BUT

I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T GO TO YOUR HOUSE ANY LONGER
GACHAK

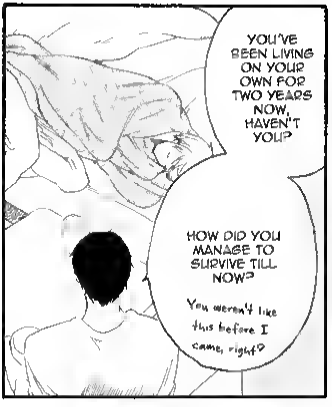
I WONDER IF HE FEELS A LITTLE LONELY NOW THAT I DON'T DROP BY
OR SOME-THING ...
Just as I thought it was Amasaka who spoke first
.....
L-fates...
Isn't he eating?
If left on his own, he makes nothing but stir-fry.
His fridge is always empty.
...He looked kind of pale...

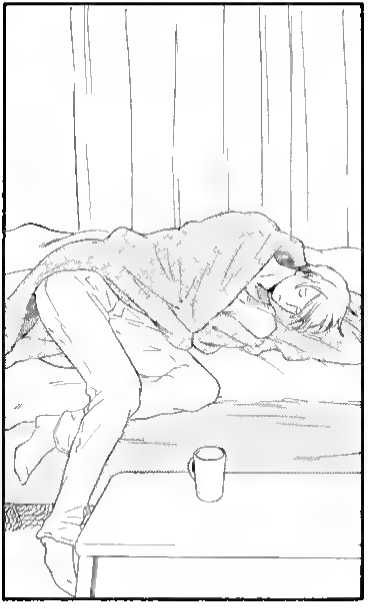
BEEP
BEEP
I CAN FORGET ABOUT IT SO...
ACK! WRONG!
I SHOULD NOT BE DWELLING ON THESE LINGERING AFFEC-TIONS?!
X 12 07
Amasika
(no title)
So hungry
LISTEN TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY, WOULD YOU...

So uncool...
In the end, he still went
DING-DONG
Thump
UWOAH!?
KACHAK
A-MASAKA!?
WHAT'S THE...
UH...

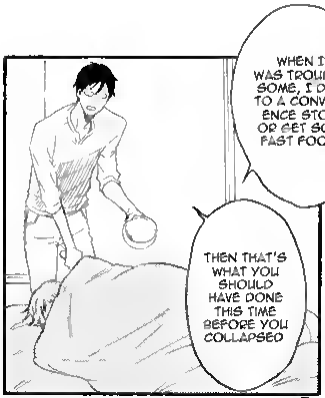
Hm?
There aren't even any needles...
It's a good thing I brought some rice with me...

I'M STARVING
No energy...
WHAT'S WITH YOU!?


YOU'VE BEEN LIVING ON YOUR OWN FOR TWO YEARS NOW, HAVEN'T YOU?
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO SURVIVE TILL NOW?
You weren't like this before I came, right?



BUT I CAN'T EAT IT ANY-MORE
HEH?
Why?
HERE, IT'S DONE SO EAT UP


WHEN IT WAS TROUBLE-SOME, I'D GO TO A CONVENI-ENCE STORE OR GET SOME FAST FOOD
THEN THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS TIME BEFORE YOU COLLAPSED

PULL
CAN YOU GET UP
WOAH!?
NH!
EH

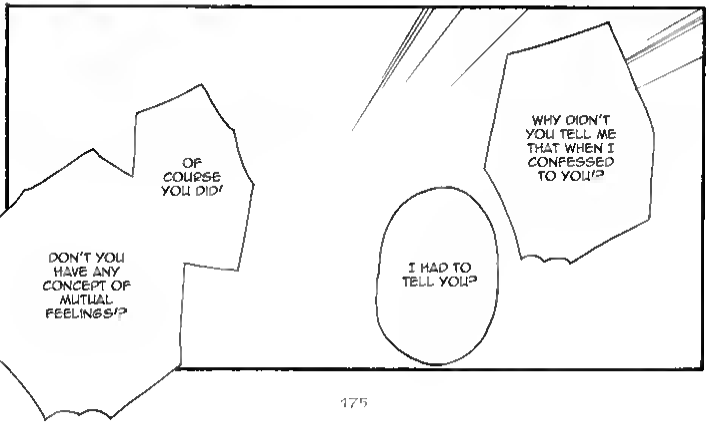
WHA-
HA
GEEZ YOU
-Haa
?
WHAT?
WHAT?
SASHIKI DON'T DO WANT TO DO THIS KIND OF THING WITH ME?

...LOOK HERE,
I TOLD YOU, I WAS ALREADY DUMPED SO EVEN IF YOU DO THIS
THEN WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU SEEMED ANGRY ABOUT SOMETHING SO I TOLD YOU TO DO WHAT YOU WANT AND WHEN I LET YOU, YOU STOPPED COMING...
AMASAKA ?
WHENEVER I REMEMBER YOUR COOKING THE FOOD FROM THE CONVENI-ENCE STORE START TO TASTE BAD AND I CAN'T EAT IT
WHAT SHOULD I DO TO GET YOU TO KEEP COMING BACK?

I'M NOT ANGRY SO WHAT IS THERE TO THE ANGRY ABOUT?
YOU SAID IT'D BE BETTER IF I'D GOTTEN ANGRY BUT
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID I SHOULDN'T CHANGE ...
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE THE ONE WHO INTRUDED HERE,
ACK
YOU'RE SO COMPLETELY ANNOYING!

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
THAT'S BECAUSE WHEN I TOLD YOU I LIKE YOU, YOU SAID IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT SASHIKI THINKS OF ME
IF YOU LIKE ME OR YOU HATE ME
AS LONG AS YOU KEEP COMING HERE THEN IT DOESN'T MATTER EITHER WAY
AMASAKA, COULD IT BE THAT YOU LIKE ME...?

SASHIKI?
SNIFF
YEAH
Probably

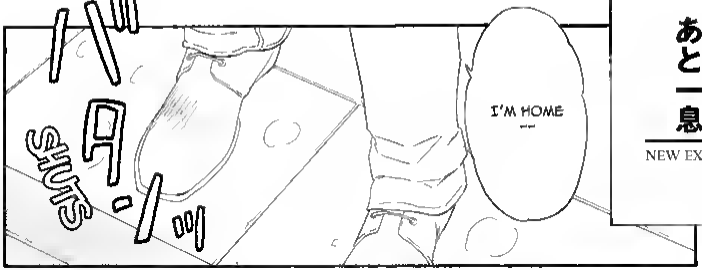

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT WHEN I CONFESSED TO YOU!?
I HAD TO TELL YOU?
OF COURSE YOU DID!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY CONCEPT OF MUTUAL FEELINGS!?

IF OUR FEELINGS WERE MUTUAL WOULD YOU KEEP COMING BACK HERE AGAIN?
.....

I SEE
THEN, LET'S DO THAT. MAKE OUR FEELINGS MUTUAL, OKAY?
I'LL COME BACK HOWEVER MANY TIMES...
I wonder if I'll ever have a proper love relationship with this guy...

End

EXTRAS:


I'M HOME
...
バタン

THAT WAS COLD-
I DION'T HEAR THAT THERE WAS GONNA BE RAIN TODAY

AH

A BATH. I GOTTA TAKE A BATH...
KACHAK

Bam
SO-SORRY!
Wah
MITSUO?
KACHAK
MITSUO YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO PANIC LIKE THAT...
Could that have just been a fluke...?
But it's important for me to test it out...
.....

KEIICHI

I'M LISTENING---
Alright!
KEIICHI!!
BANG
WOAH!?
WHAT!?
WHAT!? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE BATHROOM AND THE ROOM WEREN'T LOCKED AND YOU MANAGED TO GET INTO KEIICHI-SAN'S ROOM ALL BY YOURSELF!?
IT'S LIKE THE KEY TO HIS HEART WAS ALSO UNLOCKED
H!!!
THE HELL WOULD WE KNOW!!
WE DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF INFORMATION!

恋とも言う
NEW EXTRA
After days and months the ban on sex has suddenly been lifted.
Yay!
Twitch
You don't have to be so happy about it!!
ICHIZAKI-SAN
I TOLD YOU THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT
I'LL BE GENTLE
Twitch
Kiss
GYAA!!
YOU BASTARD! WHY ARE YOU TAKING OFF MY UNDERWEAR RIGHT OFF THE BAT!!
I'M SORRY I WANTED TO SEE IT RIGHT AWAY!
YOU PERVERT!!

AFTER-WARDS, DON'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD AND IF I SAY STOP, WE STOP
WHAT I SAY GOES. GOT IT?
YES!

BUT WE CAN'T PROCEED UNLESS WE TAKE IT OFF ANYWAY
IT'S ONLY LOGICAL THAT YOU TAKE YOURS OFF FIRST!

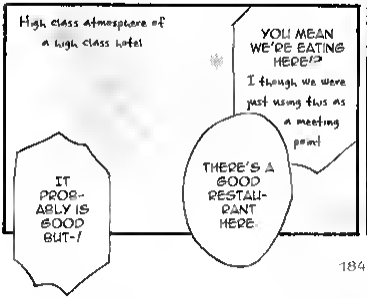
This is bad I'm gonna come...!
STO-
.....
!!

UGH...
Um—, the prostate is in a shallow spot—
Reading the manual
!!
GRP
Uh... You've got to be kidding...
I can't believe he's this close just from putting it in behind...

IT' TOUGH BE..RING WITH IT BUT...
WHAT ICHIZAKI-S..N SAYS
IS ABSOLUTE RIGHT...?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
HYAA!
SLIDE
AH, YES!
WH-WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY STOP?
EH, BE-C..USE ICHIZAKI -SAN...
...HUH?
..EE
HH..UGH
GYAA!!
THRUST
!
YES!!
JUST HURRY UP AND THRUST IT IN!!

言うまでもない

NEW EXTRA


High class atmosphere of a high class hotel
YOU MEAN WE'RE EATING HERE!?
I though we were just using this as a meeting point
THERE'S A GOOD RESTAU-RANT HERE
IT PROB-ABLY IS GOOD BUT-!

YES, A SUITE
A SUITE!?
EH, COULD IT BE THAT YOU DON'T LIKE THIS HOTEL?
I TOOK A ROOM HERE FOR TONIGHT THOUGH
A ROOM!?
.....
TOMADA-SAN,
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU DO FOR A LIVING EXACTLY?
AH, WHEN WE'RE OFF THE CLOCK, I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO CALL ME BY MY ♥ NAME
MAN-AGER,
YOUR SPECIFICATIONS ARE CLEARLY STRANGE FOR A MANAGER OF A MERE CHAIN RESTAURANT
YOU NORMALLY WEAR EXPENSIVE SUITS AND ON TOP OF THAT YOU JUST EASILY BOOKED A SUITE
A bit late to ask that now
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'M THE MANAGER AT OUR STORE
.....
...IT'S BEEN BUGGING ME FOR A LONG TIME NOW BUT

AFTER ALL,
BUT STILL-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THAT WAS BEING WE WERE OFFICIALLY GOING OUT
GOING OUT TO PLACES LIKE THE ONES WE'VE BEEN TO BEFORE WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE
IT'S ALRIGHT TO GO SOMEWHERE NICER, ISN'T IT?
IT'S OUR FIRST DATE, ISN'T IT?
It was only the next day when I woke up in some huge king-sized or whatever sized bed that I realized he hadn't answered my question.
HUH? I WAS CUTE?
Y-YOU'RE ALREADY ALL GROWN UP, PLEASE STOP SAYING SUCH CUTE THINGS

見えない
NEW EXTRA
I had a fight with Amasaka
I'M NOT COOKING FOR YOU UNTIL YOU APOLOGIZE!
MAKE SURE TO MAKE SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF!
IF IT'S TROUBLESOME THEN EAT OUT!
THERE'S ALSO SOME ROIL-IN-THE-BAG FOOD I BOUGHT BEFORE!
Got it
Understood.
After three days
DING-DONG
Well now that I've calmed down maybe it wasn't something I had to get all that angry about...
It's just Amasaka being his usual hard to understand self
KACHAK
HUH?
It isn't locked.
AMASAKA!!

AMASAKA!!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING FOR TO MAKE IT BETTER AND WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT IT...
WHY DID THIS HAPPEN!
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE I LEFT!! WHY DIDN'T YOU EAT ANYTHING?!
AMA-SAKA
Hmm..
IS THAT SO?
It makes my heart YEAH go all aflutter though.
YOU'RE MORE SPOILED THAT I EXPECTED
Aah..
HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN GAY?
WHY?
BECAUSE YOU ACCEPTED ME PRETTY EASILY SO
It seemed you had no qualms about having a guy as a partner.

WELL, ISN'T IT JUST BECAUSE I LIKE SASHIKI?
THAT'S A VAGUE ANSWER
BECAUSE I HAVE NO REFERENCE FOR THIS
HUH?
BECAUSE YOU'RE MY FIRST LOVE.
End

あとがき

Hello or nice to meet you. Maccoo here.
Thank you for acquiring my book!
This is my first comic with Shinshokan.

The book this time is a compilation of short stories with 4 pairs.
The percentage of glasses wearing characters have lessened by a bit.
Speaking of glasses in Ato Hitotsu~ Keiichi wears glasses when he reads. When I researched whether this is possible apart from cases of old-age farsightedness, it seems it can also apply for cases of astigmatism. I only did a rough search on the internet so I don't remember the details anymore but I think you can come out with something if you look for putting on glasses when reading books. Look for it and expand your knowledge on it.
Putting that aside, if you enjoyed even just one story in here, then that makes me glad.

Also thank you to everyone who sent letters and comments and answered surveys. Thank you very much!
It's because you've all read my book that I feel your support and am greatly encouraged.
I feel bad that I'm not able to reply to each and every one, from now on I want to be more diligent in thanking you as much as you've all cheered me up.

Then, I hope that we meet each other again though my next work.

My previous editor I-san (Thank you for taking care me!)
My new editor H-san (You've already taken care of me so much. I hope you continue to do so.)
Everyone who was involved in the serialization and publication of this work.
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My friend who went drinking with me when this work was just starting.
Teacher of my heart Y-san.
And to everyone who read this work.

Thank you very much!

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